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## President Bush appoints two tribal employees to serve on Indian education advisory council

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President George W. Bush appointed Greg Anderson, Eufaula Dormitory Administrator, and Virginia Thomas, JOM Program Manager, to serve on his 13 member National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

President Bush signed their commissions on April 29. They were sworn in by Secretary of Education Rod Paige the following day at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. They were present at the White House as President Bush signed the Executive Order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education.

Greg Anderson is the Administrator of the Eufaula Dormitory. He has been with program for 19 years, 13 as an administrator. He has been involved in education issues at many levels and has served on several federal committees for improvements for education.

He currently serves as co-chairman of the BIA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the No Child Left Behind Education Reform Act, which was enacted by President Bush and Congress in 2001. Anderson earned a B.A. Degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma and a Master's Degree in Education Administration from East Central Oklahoma University.

Virginia Thomas is the manager of the Johnson O' Malley Program for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which serves 45 school districts and approximately 13, 700 students. Thomas is a founding member of the National Johnson O' Malley Association.

She has been involved with JOM for the past 32 years as a tutor, counselor, home school coordinator, teacher, program coordinator, and other positions. She also serves as the Treasurer of the Executive Council for the Okmulgee Indian Community. She earned a B.A. in Elementary from San Diego State University.

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## Chief Ellis, Housing Authority help boy realize dream



During his State of the Nation Address on January 31, Chief Ellis read a letter from tribal citizen Michael Long. Long described in detail the present living conditions his family was having to endure at the time. He wrote the letter without his mother having any knowledge of his request. His dream was to be able to have living conditions that would allow him and his brother to have their friends come over. Chief Ellis and the Forced Account department at the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation formulated a plan to have this boy's dream come true. At the National Council's April meeting, Chief Ellis announced that work was completed on the Long family's home. "I commend Michael for his courage of writing this letter," stated Chief Ellis. Michael and his mother were in attendance during the Chief Ellis' address. Michael wasn't much for words, but his smile spoke loud and clear.

*photo by Ruth Bible*

## Tribe and Weleetka city officials partner to build parking lot

WELEETKA — In 1998, the Weleetka community accepted the keys to a new building, but the parking lot was never completed. After several meetings and inquiries, the Indian community went to the City of Weleetka to discuss working together. With the help of several people in the different departments, an agreement was made between the city of Weleetka and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

This was very beneficial for the City of Weleetka, because they can now use this as a springboard to complete for more federal dollars for a spring project. Tribal legislation was passed in 2003 and the work began in April of this year.

"Chief Ellis has been a constant supporter of this project, monitoring the progress and administering the

involvement of the Nation's employees," stated National Council Representative Sandi Golden. "For the past three years he has attended and spoke at the annual community banquet for graduates."

Jack Chaney, Manager of Tribal Roads and Patrick

Freeman, Construction Engineer, have been working diligently with the contractor that was hired by the City of Weleetka. The city council and city clerk conducted the bidding and all requirements for obtaining a contractor. At this time the completion date for the parking lot is scheduled for sometime in May.

"The Indian Community is

very proud of the working relationship that has developed with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the City of Weleetka," stated Golden.





## Office of the Principal Chief...

Hello. It's 3 p.m., May 7th and this article is due in the news office by 5 p.m. I just can't hardly find enough time to address every issue that needs attention but here it goes.

I guess everyone has learned about our involvement with Fountainhead Resort. We did not purchase the resort yet, we only purchased the existing mortgage and are now in the process of acquiring complete ownership. The nation plans to eventually acquire and produce a great family destination resort and fun center. We have also asked to State of Oklahoma to consider giving us the Fountainhead State Park System.

Another huge move was for the Creek Nation to assume control over the Creek Nation Housing Authority of Oklahoma. This has been discussed for many years and finally the new administration was backed by the complete National Council and legislation was passed. We exercised our tribal sovereignty and self determination to provide tribal jurisdiction over all but a tiny bit of the Housing Authority. We feel that tribal government, tribal employees, and tribal law will provide a much needed improvement and additional housing, construction, and emergency repairs for our Creek citizens. Please bear with us for



by **A.D. Ellis**

about 30 days for the transition period.

Sadly, we lost **California Fixico** during April. **California** was the third of our remaining original allottees. The remaining two are **Martha Berryhill**, born 7-12-1900 and **Lucy Etta Benham** born in Dallas, Texas on 1-6-1905 (newborn).

On April 17th, all Ceremonial Ground Mekko's were invited to the mound building for annual meeting of the Mekko's. Fourteen grounds were present and each ground was asked to discuss their needs and comment about our nation. There were two hours of very informative discussion and I thank all involved for their attendance and cooperation. Mvto.

Also, I thank **Judge Moore** and his District Court for providing the great traditional meal and thank **Melba Williams, Ramona Mason**, and many other volunteers.

April 28th was the one year anniversary for Sapulpa Elderly Nutrition. Great people and great place to eat.

May 6th was the 4th Annual Cultural Day at the complex. This is always a great success and the child development center does a great job to educate our children.

Everybody remember June 18th and 19th is Creek Nation Festival time. Be sure to catch the All Indian Rodeo because it is going to be special this year.

I was just notified by the farm personnel that our new buffalo herd that was acquired has just produced a new bull calf. How about a name? I would like all students to please respond and we'll provide a great prize.

Good luck and good health to all. May God bless this Muscogee Nation. *Mvto.*

## OIC Seniors thanks supporters

### Editor:

The Okmulgee Indian Community Seniors sponsored a Taco Sale for the National Council on January 31, 2004. The event was a fund-raiser for two trips – one on a trip to Wisconsin for the National Indian Council on Aging in August 2004 and the other a trip to Washington D.C. on September 21, 2004 for the opening of the Smithsonian Museum for the American Indian.

There was a big turnout and we thank all the Council members and new executive staff as well as all the guests.

We are looking forward to another event soon.

**Esther Grona, Okmulgee**

## Sovereignty or Communism – Which is it?

### Editor:

Webster's Dictionary defines Sovereignty as 1) the state or quality of being sovereign, 2) the status, dominion, rule, or power of a sovereign, 3) supreme and independent political authority, 4) a sovereign or governmental unit.

Webster's defines communism as a one party political structure, with emphasis on the requirements of the state rather than on individual liberties.

This letter may seem a bit harsh in regards to the civil liberties a citizen of the Muscogee Nation does not have, but it is reality.

The Muscogee Nation is an independent political entity having independent political authority and is a sovereign state and governmental unit. The same is true with the Tulsa Creek

Indian Community.

Sovereign Immunity is defined as a government's immunity from being sued in its own courts without its consent. Meaning that a suit by a citizen of the Muscogee Nation (or anyone for that matter) against the Nation itself is not going to happen without the explicit permission of the Nation. Furthermore, what the sovereign immunity definition does not elicit is the one party scenario. The Muscogee Nation is a one party political entity. What I mean by "one party" is that there are no democrats or republicans running for the office of Chief, nor are there separate political parties running for the various council seats.

Again, sovereign immunity is not implied; it is explicit. Whereby the Muscogee Nation and the Tulsa Creek Indian Community cannot be sued without their consent whether by a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, a member of the Tulsa Creek Indian Community or by a non-citizen of either entity. Of course there are probably some minute areas that allow some sort of legal recourse to a worker of the Muscogee Nation, or a worker of the Tulsa Creek Indian Community of which I am not aware of and I will not venture into that arena.

Lets take a look at the United States as a whole. The United States government, and each independent state, cannot be sued without its consent. However, there are provisions that allow the United States government to be sued by a citizen as is the same with the independent states. Along with the ability to sue the government and a state there are provisions that protect an individual citizen of the United States from governmental intrusion into an individual's civil rights. Those pro-

tections are found in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. However, these constitutional protections do not trickle down and afford protection to the citizens of the Muscogee Nation. This is due to the fact that we are a sovereign nation. If you look into the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation, you will find that there are no constitutional provisions that protect a citizen of the Muscogee Nation from governmental intrusion into a Muscogee citizen's civil rights. Basically, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation is not afforded any protection from our government. Our government can violate any civil rights they choose and not have to face scrutiny in our tribal court system. The reality of this scenario is the inability of a citizen of the Muscogee Nation to go into tribal court to sue the Muscogee Nation for violating his or her civil rights. Be that as it may, as a citizen of Oklahoma and of the United States, you are afforded certain protections against the government for violating your civil rights. If your rights have been violated as a citizen of Oklahoma and of the United States, you may be able to go into District Court or Federal Court to have your complaint argued; not true in the Muscogee Nation.

I am well aware of the fact that the Muscogee Nation is in the process of asking the citizens of the Muscogee Nation to amend our present day constitution to have a more definite provision regarding the civil rights of each and every citizen of this wonderful Nation. However, it is my understanding that

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# Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at the February 28, regular session.

## February 28, Regular session

Absent were: **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District.

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved (24-0-0) TR 04-009 authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for a new data base system for the citizenship office;

voting yes by district: **Tiger**, Creek District; **Harjo**, Creek District; **Barnett**, Creek District; **Notaro**, McIntosh District; **McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Parish**, Muskogee District; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee District; **Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Wind**, Okfuskee District; **Golden**, Okfuskee District; **Jones**, Okmulgee District; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee District; **Williams**, Okmulgee District; **Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Ade**, Tukvptce District; **Fields**, Tukvptce District; **Bible**, Tulsa District; **Quiett**, Tulsa District; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa District; **Hufft**, Tulsa District; **Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Berryhill**, Wagoner District; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner District;

- approved unanimously (24-0-0) TR 04-019, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of an easement for telecommunications service to the food distribution center;

- approved unanimously as amended (24-0-0) TR 04-021, authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate for and purchase restricted property in Okmulgee county, Oklahoma located on the western boundary of the nation's tribal headquarters in Okmulgee, Oklahoma;

Speaker relinquished the chair to Second Speaker **Berryhill** to address TR 04-024

- approved as amended (23-2-0) TR 04-024, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of land in Hughes County, Oklahoma, and to enter into an agreement with the Tulsamucasse Etalwa (New Tulsa ceremonial ground) for use of property;

voting no were: **Watson**, Okfuskee; and **Golden**, Okfuskee;

- approved (15-9-0) TR 04-026, authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate a contract for the purchase of the Wetumka General Hospital located in Wetumka, Oklahoma;

- approved unanimously to return to committee (24-0-0) TR 04-030, mandating that any architectural firm or construction company be denied the opportunity to engage in any tribal bidding process for future architectural designing or construction project(s) at the tribal or community level unless the majority ownership of aforementioned business entities can provide authenticated documentation to the tribal administration and national council that the controlling ownership (51% or more) is comprised of a member of a federally recognized tribe;

- approved unanimously (24-0-0) TR 04-033, approving the selection of contractors for bid #2004-003,

the rehabilitation of twenty (20) Okemah affordable units (low rent apartments) and bid #2004-005, rehabilitation of four (4) privately owned homes, one (1) mutual help home, and one (1) vacant mutual help home;

- failed unanimously (0-24-0) NCA 04-003, amending NCA 03-171 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the comprehensive annual budget for fiscal year 2004 and providing for appropriations) as amended by NCA 03-209 and NCA 03-248;

- approved to return to committee (15-9-0) NCA 04-004, repealing NCA 94-10 (substitute) and establishing a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; and **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

representative **Golden** was out of seat at time of casting of vote

- approved unanimously as amended (23-0-0) NCA 04-017, appropriating supplemental funds for the purchase of a database sytem for the citizenship board;

- approved unanimously as corrected (24-0-0) NCA 04-025, reaffirming and amending NCA 86-36 "buy creek act"

- approved as corrected (22-1-1) NCA 04-026, authorizing the expenditure of a grant entitled "The Robert Wood Johnson foundation" for tobacco prevention program's fiscal year 2004 budget;

voting no were: **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;

- approved unanimously (24-0-0) NCA 04-027, amending NCA 99-10 ("Muscogee Business Enterprise Act") to change the position of general manager to director;

- approved unanimously (24-0-0) NCA 04-028, amending NCA 99-22 ("Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal trade & commerce authority act") to change the position of general manager to director;

representative **Nichols** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved unanimously as amended (23-0-0) NCA 04-029, appropriating funds for the purchase of real property in Okmulgee, County, Oklahoma located on the western boundary of the nation's tribal headquarters in Okmulgee, Oklahoma;

representative **Jones** was excused and **Nichols** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved unanimously (22-0-0) NCA 04-031, authorizing the expenditure of the Beverly Foundation award;

representative **Nichols** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved as amended (20-2-0) NCA 04-032, authorizing a special appropriation to finacially assist a Muscogee (Creek) citizen;

voting no were: **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee and **Fields**, Tukvptce;

- approved unanimously as corrected (22-0-0) NCA 04-033, authorizing an annual appropriation of funds for

community development block grants, designating how those funds shall be disbursed and amending title 11, §2-102, regarding technical assistance and training to communities;

- approved (20-3-0) NCA 04-035, establishing the executive office reorganization act of 2004 and repealing NCA 96-18 (establishing the executive office reorganization act of 1996) and amending Muscogee (Creek) Nation code annotated (MCNCA) Title 21, §2-102 entitled "appointment and term of office";

voting no were: **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

representative **Bible** was excused;

representative **Barnett** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (19-2-0) NCA 04-036, appropriating funds for the purchase of real property in Hughes County, Oklahoma;

voting no were: **Watson**, Okfuskee and **Golden**, Okfuskee;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved unanimously (21-0-0) NCA 04-038, appropriating funds for the Hanna Indian Community;

- approved unanimously (22-0-0) NCA 04-039, authorizing an appropriation for the spring celebration sponsored by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation partnership board;

- approved unanimously (22-0-0) NCA 04-040, authorizing a special appropriation of funds for a Creek citizen;

- approved as amended (21-1-0) NCA 04-041, authorizing a special appropriation of funds to the Arbeka Indian Baptist church;

voting no were: **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

- approved unanimously as amended (22-0-0) NCA 04-042, authorizing a special appropriation for the office of the national council for technology upgrade;

speaker relinquished the chair to Second Speaker **Berryhill**;

- approved unanimously as amended (22-0-0) NCA 04-046, authorizing a special appropriation to financially assist a Muscogee (Creek) citizen;

## March 23, Emergency session

Absent were: **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; and **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved (20-2-0) TR 04-042, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and peoples national bank of Checotah and Oklahoma industrial finance authority for the purchase of the mortgages and promissory notes associated with Fountainhead Resort located in McIntosh County;

voting no were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; and **Hufft**, Tulsa;

- approved (20-2-0) NCA 04-062, appropriating funds to be used toward the purchase of mortgages and promissory notes associated with Fountainhead Resort located in McIntosh County, Oklahoma;

voting no were **Pickering**, McIntosh; and **Hufft**, Tulsa.



## Education

Freshman selected to attend Phillips Academy

ANDOVER, MA —Jalin Keawphalouk, a freshman at Seminole high school has been selected to attend the Phillips Academy in math and science.

The summer academy is a three year commitment. Math could range from algebra, calculus as well as other specific math topics. The science will range from chemistry, advanced placement, physics, electricity and computer science. He will also have two years of writing while at the academy.

The third year will be an exposure to Boston college, Boston University, Dartmouth, Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of technology.

Keawphalouk will be required to attend from June 29 to Aug. 1.

Jalin is the son of Yotin and Clara Mae Keawphalouk of Seminole; and the grandson of the late George and Hattie Alexander of Lamar.

Citizen participates in OU Creek language class

NORMAN —On April 3 students from the University of Oklahoma who are enrolled in Creek language courses I, II, and III, participated in the third annual "Creek Songfest".

Approximately 50 students sang and the audience enjoyed songs such as: Pass Me Not, Hallelujah; and In The Sweet By and By all translated in the Creek language. In addition to ten or more songs in the Creek language, one song was done in the native language of Choctaw. Parents and friends enjoyed hearing the beautiful language and many agreed that this has been a long time coming for our people to be able to learn and teach others about our Indian heritage.



Thompson

McClellan participates in the Tulsa art festival

TULSA —Taylor McClellan an eighth grader at Glenpool place first place at the Tulsa Indian Arts festival student art competition.

She received a ribbon and certificate. Taylor along with other Glenpool students and Director Kristi Collington attended a workshop put on by Clarence Gray. Several schools participated and had the opportunity to watch how to do a sculptor of a buffalo.

She is the daughter of Teresa Bible and the granddaughter of Norma and the late Burtis Bible.

McClellan is a member of the Arbeka Tribal Town and of the tiger clan.



McClellan

Watkins graduates from Crescent high school  
ANDERSON, SC—Nicholas Watkins is a graduating student from Crescent High School.

His performance in football has earned him many awards. He has been selected for the United States Achievement Academy Award winner in football, honor roll, leadership, service and mathematics.

Other awards include: most improved in track; all region offensive lineman; most outstanding lineman in football; top graded offensive lineman; and a hog tuff lineman award. He recorded over 25 knockdown blocks during his senior year.

Nickolas is the son of Dale and Linda Watkins and the grandson of the late Shawney and Annie Hardridge and the late Grady Watkins.

Watkins has signed with Tusculum College in Tennessee. He plans to make his profession in his favorite sport and to become a professional coach.



Watkins

## Births

Maxwell Grant Lindsey

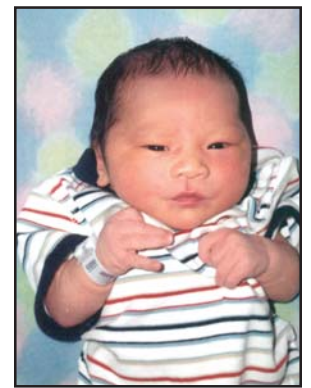
OKLAHOMA CITY —Maxwell Grant Lindsey was born on Feb. 22 at Women's Lakeside

Hospital to Richard Lindsey and Khanhkeo Syribouth.

He weighed 7 lbs. and 2 ounces and was 22 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are the late Vieng and Thongkhay Syribouth.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Gretchen Lindsey of Oklahoma City and great grandparents are Tochee Wind of Weleetka and the late William Wind and the late Rev. Eddie and Lucinda Lindsey of Cromwell.



Lindsey

Makhan Oktaha Harjo

RED OAK —Makhan Oktaha Harjo was born on Feb. 19 to Rev. Simmon and Tina Harjo.

He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Rev. Wayne and Lucille Harjo of Tulsa and Rita West of Okemah. Great grandparents are the late Rev. C.D. and Pauline Harjo. He has one brother, Caleb and two sisters, Acee and Rayna.



Harjo

## Four tribal citizen participate in Oklahoma Memorial Marathon

OKLAHOMA CITY— Three Muscogee (Creeks) were among the 7000 that completed the recent Oklahoma Memorial Marathon on April 25. The marathon which began at the gates of the Oklahoma City Memorial ended downtown on Broadway and included: Shoshana Wasserman; Dustin Van Winkle; Kimberly Rodriguez; and Ayla Medrano, ran the last three mile.

Wasserman is a graduate from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of science degree in education and is currently employed as the public relations director for City Arts Center and Oklahoma Children's Theatre.

She is the granddaughter of Sandy and Sandra Medrano and a member of the Thlopthlocco tribal town.

Dustin Van Winkle is a graduate from the University of Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in kinesiology.

Dustin is the CEO of Chebon Enterprises, a management company specializing in industrial kitchen design and supply.

He is the son of VaRene Martin and the grandson of Elsie Martin and a member of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town.

Kimberly Rodriguez is a graduate of University of North Texas with a bachelor of fine arts degree in photography.

She is currently the merchandise coordinator for Wright Studios in Dallas.

Rodriguez is the daughter of Anita

Rodriguez and the granddaughter of Alma Brown and a member of the bear clan.



Pictured above are: front row, A. Medrano; S. Wasserman; back row, D. Van Winkle; and front row, right, and K. Rodriguez.



# Chief Ellis and his administration hold meeting with Ceremonial leaders

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief A.D. Ellis recently held a meeting to bridge the gap between the Tribal Administration and the Ceremonial Grounds. Principal Chief Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, Attorney General Montie Deere and fourteen of the sixteen remaining ceremonial grounds were in attendance.

"I have respect for the grounds and the people of the grounds," stated Ellis. "I commend them for carrying on the tradition that has been passed on for hundreds of years. They are largely responsible for keeping the language, culture and tradition preserved. One of my promises was to unite the nation. Today was a historical occasion."

A round table meeting was held giving each Mekko and/or Henehv the opportunity to voice their concerns and share their hopes to keep the tradition alive for generations to come. Duck Creek Mekko and Elder Simon Harry spoke of his Ceremonial experiences over the past sixty years.

"Sickness has taken a lot of people and it has affected the young ones as well," stated Harry. "I am still trying to carry on what the elders left for me to carry on".

Pole Cat (Kellyville) Mekko Jim Brown, Jr. and Henehv Lewis Brown commented they grew up on their ground and expressed their dedication to keeping these traditions alive. "We will strive to recruit our young to continue and maintain our heritage," said Brown.

Sand Creek (Iron Post) Mekko Gary Bucktrot shared the same feeling. "Most of the people at my ground are still young," commented Bucktrot. "I encourage them to carry on. Most of their elders are gone."

Green Leaf Mekko Bill Proctor stated that there has not been a meeting of this type since the Fife Administration. He never understood why the last administration never had this type of meeting.

"I felt that the previous administration had their own feelings about the Ceremonial grounds," he stated. "We are still here and we are trying to keep it going."

Hickory Ground Mekko George Thompson felt that the type of meeting was something that the grounds were not use to. "The only communication we had with the tribe was for Green Corn," stated Thompson. "There was no direct communication between the two, hopefully this will start something."

Nuyaka Henehv Judge Amos McNac spoke of the mis-communication between the tribe and the grounds throughout history.

"If you could come and visit the grounds, get to know the ways and the people, this would put everyone involved at ease in communicating with other parties," he said. "The life of the grounds is the least understood and most mis-understood. I encourage all to visit your ground, know your clan. There is family unity within the tribal town, family ties are there."

Peach Ground Mekko Roman Hill spoke of how his ground doesn't have very many members left. "A



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Daniel Harjo, Hillabee; Jeff Fixico, New Tulsa; Phillip Deere, Jr., Nuyaka; George Thompson, Hickory Ground; Simon Harry, Duck Creek; Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Thomas Yahola, Tallahassee-Cromwell; Jim Brown, Jr. and Lewis Brown, Kellyville (Pole Cat); Felix Brown, Duck Creek; Bill Proctor and Jimmy Deere, Green Leaf; and Barney Harjochee and Felix Hill, Okfuskee. In attendance but not pictured: David Proctor, Tallahassee Wakokaye; Roman Hill, Peach Ground; and Raymond Meeley, Arbeka;

lot of have failing health and some members have passed away," commented Hill. "I am striving to keep Peach Ground going."

Tallahassee Wakokaye Mekko David Proctor echoed the sentiments of the majority in attendance.

"Out of the 44 tribal towns removed, these sixteen grounds are what's left," said Proctor. "In this meeting sit the most distinguished men of the tribe, the Mekkos of the respective Ceremonial Grounds. They hold a great deal of responsibility."

According to Proctor that it is not just a title, a Mekko takes care of his family, children and adults at his ground. Without the Mekko's guidance these grounds would cease to exist.

"This handful of men before you here today are trying to carry on what was left to us by our elders," said Proctor. "Sixty to 70 years ago all the Mekkos were older in age. It was not common to see a Mekko at this young of age."

Each ground welcomed the initiative to bridge the gap between the Tribal administration and the grounds. They hoped this was the first of many more meetings to come in the future.

"I felt the meeting went very well," said Chief Ellis. "Comments from all were very encouraging. I hope to build confidence and trust. We have got to preserve all that we have here."

## CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

### ALABAMA

Wetumka, Hughes County

### ARBEKA

Henryetta, Okmulgee County

### DUCK CREEK

Hectorville, Okmulgee county

### FISH POND

Cromwell, Seminole County

### GREEN LEAF

Okemah, Okfuskee County

### HICKORY GROUND

Yardeka Community, McIntosh County

### HILLABEE

Hanna, McIntosh County

### SAND CREEK (IRON POST)

Iron Post, Creek County

### POLE CATE (KELLYVILLE)

Kellyville, Creek County

### WEOGUFKEE (MUDDY WATER)

Hanna, McIntosh County

### NEW TULSA

Spaulding, Hughes County

### NUYAKA

Okemah, Okfuskee County

### OKFUSKEE

Okemah/Mason, Okfuskee County

### PEACH GROUND

Hanna, McIntosh County

### TALLAHASSEE - CROMWELL

Okemah, Okfuskee County

### TALLAHASSEE - WAKOKAYE

Okemah, Okfuskee County

GENERAL FUND:	BUDGETS	ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
MCN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	261,208.00	0.00	0.00	261,208.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	793,400.00	1,075.00	33,400.00	758,925.00
TREASURY	3,231.00	0.00	0.00	3,231.00
ANGEL TREE	2,333.00	0.00	1,066.00	1,267.00
LITIGATION & LOBBYING	34,903.00	34,903.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	1,483,480.00	30,943.00	389,992.00	1,062,545.00
MOTOR FUEL TAXES	565,420.00	12,319.00	43,853.00	509,248.00
ADMINISTRATION/INDIRECT	2,474,609.00	91,881.00	593,910.00	1,788,818.00
CREEK NATION BINGO	14,289,517.00	2,325,924.00	2,674,433.00	9,289,160.00
CN PERMANENT FUND	621,366.00	25,126.00	137,990.00	458,250.00
TOM JOHNSON PERM FUND	0.00	0.00	16,355.00	(16,355.00)
CULTURAL PRESERVATION	3,413.00	0.00	0.00	3,413.00
CODIFICATION	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.00
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL	3,000.00	477.00	2,523.00	0.00
HENSSLER ASSET MGMT	0.00	0.00	7,462.00	(7,462.00)
MCN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	151,907.00	13,457.00	139,883.00	(1,433.00)
TRIBAL BUDGET	72,042.00	0.00	7,500.00	64,542.00
MCN FLAGS & ETC	0.00	1,891.00	0.00	(1,891.00)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	1,068,265.00	266,334.00	142,023.00	659,908.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>21,948,099.00</b>	<b>2,804,330.00</b>	<b>4,310,390.00</b>	<b>14,833,379.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF LABOR:</b>				
WIA-TITLE I '02	22,611.00	0.00	2,698.00	19,913.00
WIA-TITLE I '03	509,309.00	3,227.00	162,656.00	343,426.00
WIA-SUMMER YOUTH '03	107,986.00	2,228.00	30,902.00	74,856.00
WELFARE TO WORK '99	37.00	0.00	0.00	37.00
<b>TOTAL DEPT OF LABOR</b>	<b>639,943.00</b>	<b>5,455.00</b>	<b>196,256.00</b>	<b>438,232.00</b>
<b>HOUSING &amp; URBAN DEV:</b>				
HUD-NAHASDA '00	3,798,836.00	673,411.00	1,148,880.00	1,976,545.00
HUD-SPAULPA CLINIC	25,728.00	15,573.00	10,155.00	0.00
HUD-ROSS '01	102,593.00	0.00	0.00	102,593.00
HUD-NAHASDA '01	10,346,554.00	0.00	647,209.00	9,699,345.00
HUD-DRUG ELIMINATION	118,220.00	0.00	0.00	118,220.00
HUD-FOOD DIST. BLDG	190,049.00	52,503.00	120,391.00	17,155.00
HUD-NAHASDA '02	17,174,584.00	18,061.00	1,849,660.00	15,306,863.00
HUD-NAHASDA '99	491,526.00	0.00	193,063.00	298,463.00
<b>TOTAL HUD:</b>	<b>32,248,090.00</b>	<b>759,548.00</b>	<b>3,969,358.00</b>	<b>27,519,184.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SVC:</b>				
FAMILY PRESERVATION '02	0.00	0.00	(198.00)	198.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '02	176,617.00	4,025.00	69,198.00	103,394.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '02	317,018.00	4,732.00	78,887.00	233,399.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE '02	29,203.00	0.00	29,203.00	0.00
LIHEAP '03	2,096.00	0.00	2,096.00	0.00
FAMILY PRESERVATION '03	161,732.00	8,516.00	52,158.00	101,058.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '03	1,008,115.00	8,113.00	246,578.00	753,424.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '03	1,298,075.00	26,794.00	438,128.00	833,153.00
HEAD START '03	467,189.00	32,356.00	417,563.00	17,270.00
TITLE IV-B '03	223,693.00	7,458.00	46,516.00	169,719.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE '03	244,443.00	21,609.00	20,732.00	202,102.00
LIHEAP '04	119,753.00	305.00	22,520.00	96,928.00
HEADSTART '04	0.00	6,320.00	128,613.00	(134,933.00)
<b>TOTAL DHHS</b>	<b>4,047,934.00</b>	<b>120,228.00</b>	<b>1,552,192.00</b>	<b>2,375,514.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF AGRICULTURE:</b>				
FOOD DISTRIBUTION '04	0.00	2,547.00	63,037.00	(65,584.00)
<b>TOTAL USDA</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,547.00</b>	<b>63,037.00</b>	<b>(65,584.00)</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCOME:</b>				
JOHNSON O'MALLEY	28,050.00	1,869.00	5,893.00	20,288.00
MCN CHILD DEV. CENTER	757,130.00	5,101.00	78,454.00	673,575.00
USDA HEADSTART REIMBURSE	76,617.00	21,000.00	15,444.00	40,173.00
EUFAULA DORM ACTIVITY FUND	34,128.00	0.00	0.00	34,128.00
ELECTION BOARD PROG INC	18,560.00	0.00	6,867.00	11,693.00
COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING	4,695.00	190.00	1,409.00	3,096.00

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## Muscogee (Creek) Nation quarterly financial statement

Quarter ending December 31, 2003 Pre-  
pared by the office of the controller

In accordance with National Council Act 88-70, section 112, as amended by NCA 89-37, the following information for the period ending December 31, 2003 discloses the receipts, budget, encumbrances, expenditure, and balance for all funds under the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The **receipts** are dollar amounts received for the period ending December 31, 2003. The figures include, but are not limited to, federal dollars received on grants or contracts, interest earned during the quarter, and revenues generated by the tribe. The total dollars spent represent the amount spent to date for the second quarter ending December 31, 2003.

The **budget** figure represents the amounts approved in the comprehensive annual budget.

The **encumbered** amounts include figures derived from outstanding purchase orders at the end of the year.

**Expended** amounts state the total amount that has been spent for each department, within that fund.

The **balance** figures reflect the net available for each department at the end of December 31, 2003.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to the office of the controller at (918) 756-8700, ext. 250.



GAMING PROGRAM INCOME	58,327.00	6,070.00	4,982.00	47,275.00
CITIZENSHIP BOARD PROG INC	10,424.00	0.00	0.00	10,424.00
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROG. INC.	5,900.00	2,610.00	0.00	3,290.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME</b>	<b>993,831.00</b>	<b>36,840.00</b>	<b>113,049.00</b>	<b>843,942.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF INTERIOR:</b>				
SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT	7,823,172.00	1,410,257.00	1,866,540.00	4,546,375.00
DOI-ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP	7,576.00	0.00	0.00	7,576.00
EUFAULA DORM '00	126,721.00	0.00	47,350.00	79,371.00
EUFAULA DORM '01	168,882.00	0.00	80,905.00	87,977.00
TRANSPORTATION IMPROV '01	25,520.00	0.00	15,577.00	9,943.00
LAMAR ROAD	220.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
KELLYVILLE ROAD	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
LITTLE CUSSETH CHURCH RD	76,910.00	0.00	4,836.00	72,074.00
OKEMAH SCHOOL ROAD	57,873.00	20,066.00	3,783.00	34,024.00
THEWARLE CHURCH ROAD	109,126.00	37,078.00	38,298.00	33,750.00
PORTER ROAD	117,660.00	100,000.00	3,462.00	14,198.00
OLD BIXBY ROAD	44,441.00	0.00	4,337.00	40,104.00
SALEM ROAD	91,718.00	2,451.00	6,915.00	82,352.00
SKELLY/HASKELL	601,548.00	23,387.00	577,613.00	548.00
METHODIST CHURCH ROAD	2,621.00	0.00	0.00	2,621.00
HECTORVILLE ROAD	1,283,253.00	125,000.00	1,817.00	1,156,436.00
SUMMIT SOUTH ROAD	194,153.00	192,277.00	562.00	1,314.00
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '02	11,585.00	5,164.00	5,428.00	993.00
EUFAULA DORM '02	665,518.00	14,189.00	200,142.00	451,187.00
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '03	9,500.00	1,431.00	3,201.00	4,868.00
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '03	435,487.00	6,886.00	116,904.00	311,697.00
EUFAULA DORM '03	1,205,227.00	42,630.00	31,335.00	1,131,262.00
OAKDALE SCHOOL BLDG	665.00	0.00	562.00	103.00
MCINTOSH FENCING	577.00	0.00	0.00	577.00
CALVIN NORTH ROAD	1,729,221.00	1,644,306.00	72,796.00	12,119.00
STIDHAM ROAD	443,500.00	443,500.00	0.00	0.00
ARBEKA ROAD	1,595,312.00	1,571,100.00	10,230.00	13,982.00
KELLYVILLE PROJECT	2,996,619.00	189,300.00	93,478.00	2,713,841.00
EUFAULA DORM '99	25,184.00	0.00	0.00	25,184.00
MONTEZUMA PROJECT	41,404.00	0.00	444.00	40,960.00
<b>TOTAL DEPT OF INTERIOR</b>	<b>19,896,193.00</b>	<b>5,829,022.00</b>	<b>3,186,515.00</b>	<b>10,880,656.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF JUSTICE:</b>				
VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE	49,062.00	0.00	1,240.00	47,822.00
DRUG COURT	45,862.00	1,547.00	20,053.00	24,262.00
GAP	110,000.00	0.00	1,529.00	108,471.00
TRIBAL RESOURCES COP	87,239.00	72,552.00	0.00	14,687.00
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	85,513.00	2,622.00	7,233.00	75,658.00
<b>TOTAL DEPT OF JUSTICE</b>	<b>377,676.00</b>	<b>76,721.00</b>	<b>30,055.00</b>	<b>270,900.00</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUND:</b>				
MUSKOGEE OFFICE BLDG	171,600.00	35,200.00	64,712.00	71,688.00
TULSA COUNTY PROPERTY	0.00	0.00	712,624.00	(712,624.00)
IHS OFFICE BUILDING	22,318.00	0.00	324.00	21,994.00
TRIBAL AGRICULTURE PROG.	9,483.00	0.00	290.00	9,193.00
ROADS EQUIPMENT POOL	276,289.00	151,923.00	17,354.00	107,012.00
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>479,690.00</b>	<b>187,123.00</b>	<b>795,304.00</b>	<b>(502,737.00)</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUND:</b>				
C.N. TAXES & FRINGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C.N. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	4,415.00	(4,415.00)
<b>TOTAL TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUND</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,415.00</b>	<b>(4,415.00)</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE:</b>				
ROAD FORCE ACCOUNT	812,324.00	29,942.00	108,325.00	674,057.00
TRIBAL- REAL PROP & FAC.	1,607,261.00	56,982.00	437,179.00	1,113,100.00
TRIBAL- PROPERTY & SUPPLY	89,910.00	0.00	99,453.00	(9,543.00)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	19,033.00	1,661.00	14,839.00	2,533.00
SELF-INSURED HLTH FUND	0.00	0.00	937,956.00	(937,956.00)
<b>TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE</b>	<b>2,528,528.00</b>	<b>88,585.00</b>	<b>1,597,752.00</b>	<b>842,191.00</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS:</b>				
C.N. FOUND. SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	0.00	330.00	(330.00)
<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>330.00</b>	<b>(330.00)</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83,159,984.00</b>	<b>9,910,399.00</b>	<b>15,818,653.00</b>	<b>57,430,932.00</b>

# Muscogee Division of Health Administration Activities

## Sapulpa Health Center Art Contest

SAPULPA — Health Center is announcing an art contest that will be held during the month of June. This contest will be for people 12 years and older. The Winner of the art (mural, paintings, drawings, in their choice of medium) will be hung or painted on their new walls at the clinic. For further information regarding this art contest please contact Florence July at (918) 224-9310 ext. 241. The Staff at the center would like to also welcome everyone to visit their newly remodeled Health Center.

## Street Teams Against Tobacco Abuse

OKMULGEE — Youth 15 to 18 years of age are encouraged to join the MCN Tobacco Prevention Program Street Teams. Currently they have established Street Teams in six communities including Dustin, Okemah, Edmond, Sapulpa, Wetumka and Weleetka. Each team consists of 4 to 5 members. These exceptional youth teams travel to different events such as rodeos, tournaments, festivals and other special events where public youth may be attending. The Street Team goal is to enjoy, encourage, educate and empower Muscogee youth. Among some of their challenges include educating youth about the traditional use of tobacco and the hazards of tobacco abuse. For further information about the MCN Street Teams, please contact Marcus Proctor at (918) 756-6231.

## Camp Cvfeknetv 2004

WEWOKA — The MCN Tobacco Prevention Program in collaboration with other DHA Programs will be hosting their 4th Annual Youth Camp in July 12th, 13th, & 14th. This camp will be for ages 12-18. Camp Cvfeknetv (Wellness) has been created to teach youth about the Healthy Muscogee Traditions and the hazards of tobacco abuse. This year Camp Cvfeknetv will be held at the Wewoka Woods Camp Grounds. Space is limited and pre-registration will be required to attend. Some activities include canoeing, horseback riding, archery, pottery, 5k runs/walks, ballstick making,

traditional cooking, and many more! For more information, contact the Tobacco Prevention Program at (918) 756-6231.

## Summer Jump Rope Diabetes Program

OKEMAH — Through the month of June the MCN Diabetes Program will be providing a Youth Jump Rope Program for 3rd and 4th grade students in the Okemah and Mason area. This program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 10:30am in the Mason School Gymnasium. For more information please contact Scott Robison at (800) 219-9458 or (918) 623-1424 ext. 458.

## "Move It" Diabetes Program

OKEMAH — The 1st – 6th grade students from McIntosh County, were targeted for the "Move It" program. The program promoted physical activity by challenging each student to help his or her class walk the distance of Route 66 highway from Chicago to California (2450 miles) throughout the school year by performing daily exercise in 30 minute sessions. The program was incentive-based for both the students and the teachers. Each time a student performed 30 minutes of exercise, they were given a "Move It" coupon which was worth 5 miles for their class and 25 miles for the student. This coupon was put in a "Move It" box and names were drawn out each month for prizes. At the end of December, February, and April classroom miles were totaled and the class at each school that had walked the most miles received a check to be used for classroom supplies. First place was \$200, second was \$100 and third place was \$50. The students who individually completed the journey of 2450 miles (28 weeks, approximately 4 days per week, 30 minutes per day of exercise) had their names entered in the grand prize drawing, which was a trip for a family of four to Disneyland. At the end of the program we had an Olympic style award presentation with each participant receiving a certificate and medallion for their hard work.

The following results were gathered from evaluation: 42% of the students had a reduction in BMI (Body Mass Index), 1/2 mile run/walk 50% of the students improved their times, 57% increased their push up total during the Push Up Test, 74% increased their sit up total, and 37% increased their sit and reach score during the sit and reach flexibility test.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program plan to provide the "Move It" Program to the Okfuskee county students in Bearden, Mason, Weleetka and Graham schools in the upcoming school year. This program was adapted from a program called "Getting Kids Trekkin" and conducted in Tulsa Schools in previous years. It was renamed "Move It" to identify with the youth programs being promoted by the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP).

For more information about the "Move It" Program contact Scott Robison at (918) 623-1424 ext. 458.

## CHR's K.E.E.P. Screening

TULSA — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Health Representatives in collaboration with the National Kidney Foundation are hosting a K.E.E.P Screening at the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center on July 15th. Testing will be held between 9 am. – 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited. Door prizes and refreshments will be made available. TCIC is located off Hwy 75 at 8511 S. Union. If you would like to participate in this screening please contact Etta Dickerson or Bonnie Jones at (918) 756-1941 or Laura Wesley at (918) 298-2464.

## Family Caregiver Training

OKMULGEE — Creek Nation Caregiver Program is offering basic training to individuals or families who provide personal daily activity care to an elder. Elders must be 55 years or older and live within the Creek Nation service area. For more information please contact Loretta Jumper at 1-800-353-3439 or (918) 758-2727 ext. 260.

## From the office of the Chief Executive Officer

Hello my name is Victoria Lee, Chief Executive Officer for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System. I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation from Pine Springs, Arizona. I am of the Water Edge Clan and born from the Towering House People.

As the CEO for the MCN Health System, I am responsible for the management and operations of the health care system that include four outpatient clinics, one hospital, CHR Program, Elderly Nutrition Program, WIC, Contract Health, Tobacco Prevention Program, Behavioral Health Services, Diabetes Program and EMS Program.

My experience in the health care field include serving as the National CHR Program for the Indian Health Service, Executive Director for Rapid City Indian Health Board, Staff Attorney for Division of Health and being

a Health Care Consultant for various tribes. My educational background includes attending Arizona State University, Bachelor of Science and Health Science and Juris Doctor (College of Law) and University of Hawaii, Master of Public Health in Health Services Administration and Planning.

I look forward to working with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and assisting with improving the Health Care System and status of the citizens and other Native Americans. I encourage citizens to visit our facilities and staff to make recommendations for improving our health care system.

For more information about the Division of Health Administration or to make recommendations, contact the DHA at (918) 756-3334.

## Coweta Health Center Update

OKMULGEE — In the May Regular Session, the Muscogee National Council authorized the Principal Chief to execute a loan agreement for the construction of the Coweta Health Center. Principal Chief A.D. Ellis signed that agreement on Friday, June 4th.

Final preparations are underway on the contractual agreements with both an architectural firm and a construction management firm to perform the work for the construction project. It is expected that Muscogee Nation Staff will begin work within the next month on the design for the clinic.

Groundbreaking and construction will proceed at that time. For more information about the project, contact Bret Hayes at (918) 756-3334.



## Elderly nutrition celebrates

SAPULPA — The Sapulpa Community Center celebrated it's first birthday during the April 28 luncheon. In attendance were Principal Chief A.D. Ellis and Claude Sumner, executive director. This visit was part of Chief Ellis' monthly visits to the community centers .

Also present was good food and good times. In only a few minutes among the people there it became obvious that the community center, the volunteers, and the elderly nutrition program was very well liked. After all everyone knows helping the elderly is important, but the volunteers at Sapulpa, and all the community centers, take the time and actually do it, and for that they should all be given our thanks.

## Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard

OKMULGEE — The Honor Guard led the Muskogee Azalea Festival parade again this year and was well recieved. Also they posted the colors for Bacone College's Commencement exercise on May 8. Also when possible the Honor Guard provides final military Honors to those who've asked for assistance. "We feel all Honorably discharged veterans deserve it!"

## Office of the Treasury Update

OKMULGEE — The Office of the Treasury would like to thank the Administration and the National Council for their support in making the new finance building. Construction is on schedule and it is anticipated they will be moving into the offices before the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2004. This new building will eliminate the need to climb stairs to reach their offices, the primary complaint they've received.

## Indian Health Care fights for youth

TULSA — In an effort to combat diabetes in the Native American population, Indian Health Care Resource Center is offering two summer camps for Native American children. The Wellness Adventures camp is a unique camp focused on the health and wellness of Native American children. Participants will enjoy a variety of adventure-based health and fitness activities, including the ROPES Challenge Course. Activities will focus on nutrition, and fitness, diabetes awareness and prevention, cultural awareness, communication and life skills. The camp is available for youth who have completed grades 2 - 7 during the following sessions: June 14 -18, June 21 - 25, June 28 - July 2, July 12 - 16, or July 18 - 23. This camp meets from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm daily at the Tulsa Public Schools Challenge Course at 1815 N. 77 E. Ave.

The REACH for Fitness camp is available for children who have completed grades K - 3. Fitness camp focuses on physical fitness and motor skill development, and includes concepts of fitness and nutrition. Children will utilize a wide variety of equipment and participate in various games, activities, and sports skills. Fitness camp meets August 9 - 13 from 9 am until noon, or 1 to 4 or August 16 - 20 with the same times, at Jane Adams Elementary School, 5623 S. 65th W. Ave.

All participants must attach a copy of their CDIB card to their enrollment form. Parents may get a copy of this form by calling 588-1900 or by going to Indian Health Care Resource Center at 550 South Peoria 8 - 5 M, T, W, F or 10 - 7 on Thursdays. Transportation to and from the camps is not

provided. For more information please contact Indian Health Care's Heath and Wellness department at 382-1220.

## Johnson O'Malley Program

OKMULGEE — The Johnson O'Malley Student Art Competition award presentation and reception was held March 11. Chief Ellis presented the awards, with first place going to Jeremiah Rossen, second place to Chandra Leming and Justin Billie, and third place going to Melissa Sowards. They then moved to the Statewide contest, which was won by a Muskogee Creek student Chandra Leming, from Jenks High School. The winning artwork becomes the logo for the year and appears on program covers, t-shirts, and other items.

## Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Social Services Department caseworks go to 5 different field sites each month to take applications for Native Americans needing assistance with basic living needs (shelter and living expenses). For the month of June, the schedule of these sites are: Holdenville Creek Indian Community Center, June 1 and 15, 9 - 11 a.m., Muskogee Indian Community Center June 1 1 - 3 p.m., Okemah Indian Community Center June 2 and 16, 9 - 11 a.m., Eufaula Indian Community Center June 3 and 17, 9 - 11 a.m., and Sapulpa Indian Community Center June 3 and 17, 1 - 3 p.m. If you have any questions please call Janice Hanun at 732-7618.

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## Division of Tribal Affairs outlines departmental functions

OKMULGEE — The Division of Tribal Affairs is a multi-faceted multi-service division of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation's Administrative leadership. Being an integral part of the day-to-day operation bears great responsibility and the managerial staff of DTA is comprised of individuals proficiently educated and trained in their respective departments. There are 5 departments involved in the makeup of Tribal Affairs.

Mr. Allen Harjo, Deputy Director, leads the team of Tribal Affairs and provides organizational expertise necessary to keep each department focused on its area of responsibility. This leadership creates greater efficiency of service to the Indian people and the citizens of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation. Katie Cates is Mr. Harjo's secretary.

The first department is Transportation Planning, managed by Ben Chaney. The department is part of the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program. IRR is a federally funded program of the Transportation Equity Act of the Twenty First Century (TEA21) that provides funding for road and bridge reconstruction in Indian Country. Transportation Planning is responsible for the determination through criteria based research of deficient roads and bridges within the jurisdictional boundary of the tribe and for prioritizing them for an annual Transportation Improvement Plan. This would be of optimum benefit to tribal citizens by providing greater access and more safe travel. Transportation Planning may be reached at (918) 732-7645

Planning this year includes the establishment of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Transit Authority (MCNTA), providing mass transit for MCN citizens throughout the Tribal Communities and to areas of healthcare and other areas deemed important. The MCNTA will employ approximately eight employees.

The second department is IRR-Federal Roads, funded partially through the IRR program and Tribal funds. The program is managed by Jack Chaney P.E. and he is responsible for overseeing the reconstruction if the IRR planned roads as well as the oversight of the Force Account Construction Crew. The road construction oversight includes inspection of construction progress and financial control of construction costs. The Force Account crew is a training program funded by the BIA and provides

heavy equipment, road construction and basic survey training for Indian workers of the MCN. IRR-Federal Roads consists of approximately seven employees and can be reached at (918) 732-7811.

IRR-Federal Roads is responsible for providing engineering expertise for many tribal projects, including areas of major construction for the tribe and other tribal entities.

The third department is Tribal Construction, managed by Patrick Freeman, and is a Tribally funded program and is responsible for the oversight of all tribal construction projects and is responsible for establishment of working relationships with all contractors. Tribal Construction provides expertise in construction management and is involved in the initial planning of tribal construction projects and is responsible for the inspection for all project phases. Tribal Construction consists of 3 employees and can be reached at (918) 732-7975.

The fourth department, Tribal Driveways, is supervised by Bob Arrington and is Tribally funded also and was created to provide roadway services to individual Indian land owners within the boundary of the MCN. Tribal Driveways will reconstruct privately owned driveways for qualified individuals, Indian churches, ceremonial grounds, and cemeteries. Tribal Driveways also provides, upon request, opening of gravesites at Indian Cemeteries. There is an application form to be filled out with documents of ownership for the driveway service. Tribal Driveways can be reached at (918) 732-7651.

Realty Services, the last department, is managed by Sonya Lytch and is comprised of 13 employees and is the largest department of Tribal Affairs. Realty Services, like Tribal Affairs, is a multi-service department and provides services like probate packages for deceased individuals that involves trust land, easement and right of way determination, mortgage information assistance and processing for the sale of restricted Indian land, trust application and deed preparation, environmental inspection and assessment, agricultural and business leases, appraisal of restricted Indian property, oil and gas lease inspection and Title Plant services. Realty Services can be reached at (918) 732-7713.

Tribal members are encouraged to become familiar with Tribal Affairs and to take advantage of their services.



# Last of the Original

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**by Gerald Wofford**  
OKMULGEE — Martha Berryhill has seen it all, and that's not an exaggeration in the least. On the July 12, 2003, she celebrated her one-hundred and third birthday. Berryhill acknowledged the special date with close friends and family. Those closest to her easily profess how special she is and how much she means to them, so does the entire Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

With the recent passing of California Fixico, Berryhill is one of the two only known living Original Allottees that is a member of the tribe. There are reports that there may be two more Muscogee (Creek) allottees still living, but that information has yet to be absolutely confirmed. Original Allottee is a term given to individuals who were alive at the time when the government was beginning to give allotted, or marked land, to American Indians that enrolled as members of a Federally recognized tribe. The Dawes Commission from the time of 1893 to 1914 was the name of the program responsible for this. The plan of the distribution of real estate was to make the Indian more individual and not as communal as he once had been. According to the book, *The Dawes Commission* by Ken Carter, of the 300,000 American Indians that applied for enrollment, almost two thirds were rejected.

Berryhill was accepted, and sees the government attempt at land distribution as just a part of life. "Land allotment was nothing that really meant nothing to her", says daughter Ruby Mauk, who now lives and cares for her Mother.

Berryhill no longer owns her allotted land, which was sold off a long time ago, but the very active and deeply religious Creek lady smiles brightly when

she thinks about how things used to be.

"Papa would read the newspaper to us kids," said Berryhill. "One day he was telling us about a bad shipwreck. He told us about all the people that died." Berryhill explained that the catastrophe her father was describing was the sinking of the *Titanic*, the year was 1912.

Berryhill also talks about the first World War and how it affected her family. The "war to end all wars" was fought from 1914 to 1918 and Berryhill remembers when her husband John was all prepared to be sent off to battle in the fields of Europe. But the

## MUSCOGEE (CREEK) HISTORY

In the late 1800s the **Dawes Commission** began negotiating with the **Muscogee Nation** for the allotment of the national domain. In 1898, the United States Congress passed the Curtis Act which made the dismantling of the National governments of the Five Civilized Tribes and the allotment of collectively-held tribal domains inevitable. In 1890, the noted statesman **Chitto Harjo** helped lead organized opposition to the dissolution of **Muscogee** National government and allotment of collectively-held lands. In his efforts he epitomized the view of all **Muscogee** people that they possessed an inherent right to govern themselves. For individuals like Chitto Harjo it was unimaginable that the Nation could be dissolved by the action of a foreign government. This perception proved to be correct.

The end of the **Muscogee Nation** as envisioned by its architects within the United States Congress did not occur. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the process of allotment of the National domain to individual citizens was completed. However, the perceived dismantling of the **Muscogee** government was never fully executed. The Nation maintained a Principal Chief throughout this stormy period.



Harrison Berryhill



armistice was signed and thousands of young men like John were immediately sent home. The war was over.

Berryhill's father, the Rev. Harrison Berryhill, was a Methodist preacher. He, as well Martha and the rest of the family, attended Tullahassee Church in the early 1900's. "We would have all-night services, everyone would come together. I was just a little girl then so sometimes I would fall asleep," laughs Berryhill. "There was a big pew in the back row and sometimes I would go to sleep there."

Berryhill never really knew her mother Betty. She passed away when Berryhill was only four years old. When her father was away preaching at other churches, Berryhill was often cared for by other members of the family, such as her Aunt Martha, who owned a restaurant in Okmulgee. "There was a man who went to our church back then, his name was Scott Gentry," recalls Berryhill. "He wasn't Indian, but he would take care of me when Papa was preaching. He was a nice man."

Berryhill fondly recalls the family loading up the horses and buggy for the trips to Church or to the store. She also remembers how much prestige and respect her father received by being a member of the clergy.

"When we would go into town (Okmulgee) the people knew Papa was a preacher," says Berryhill. "They would be real nice to him, especially in restaurants. Whenever we went in to sit down and they knew who he was they wouldn't let him pay. They would tell him you and your family can eat here anytime and you don't have to pay."

Berryhill laughs a little when she remembers going into restaurants, especially a Chinese restaurant that once was in Okmulgee. She couldn't remember the name of it, but recalls how eager the Chinese restaurant owners were to serve Papa. "Papa never felt comfortable about everyone offering him things like that," explains Berryhill. "He wouldn't go back to very many restaurants after that and he would tell us kids not too either because they knew we were his kids and would feed us free too. We would try to sneak back there, but papa wouldn't let us go," chuckles Berryhill.

Berryhill emphasizes how wonderful life was like in the city of Okmulgee in those days. "We would all go down and sit on the benches by the Council

House. A lot of Indians would go down there and visit one another."

Berryhill's family not only ministered in word, but in service also. "We were the only ones who had a telephone, so people who lived nearby would ask

to use the phone," says Berryhill. "You had to crank it to use it."

When the family would entertain they would get out the old RCA Victorola, or in more modern electronic terminology, the record player. "We were the only ones who had a record player too," says Berryhill. "But papa made sure we only listened to Christian music on it." And just like the telephone, the musical device would only work by cranking it.

Another thing of the past that you won't find today that Berryhill remembers is the personal house calls made by medical doctors. "Our family doctor was Dr. Milroy," recalls Berryhill. "He would come out to the house and take care of us. He would also bring us some oranges, apples and bananas. He was real nice."

Often people who live to such a grand age are asked what is their secret to such a long and happy life. Berryhill doesn't try to keep any secrets of her long life. "The Lord has really blessed me, I can't begin to tell you how much!" proclaims Berryhill. Ruby also states that her Mother often stays up real late and then gets up real early.

At one time Berryhill even had a ministry where she prayed and read scriptures to nursing home patients. "She would go to all these nursing homes in the area and cook food and wash their clothes for them," explains Ruby. With her religious upbringing, Berryhill has made it a point to always get a lot of God's word through the passage of the Holy Bible and from preachers near and far.

"When I worked in Tulsa, Mama would come up there and stay with me to go to the Kenneth Hagin Campmeetings," says Ruby. "Just like a long time ago, we would stay all day until it was all over." The religious event is held each year and hosts people from all around the world.

Ruby and her Mother were featured in the Kenneth Hagin Campmeeting magazine. According to *The Word Of Faith* Magazine published in October 2000, Martha had been attending the camp meeting for the past nine years. During her interview Martha stated that she was saved in 1910 and she believed the camp meeting was a life-saver. "Many people who attended would just want to come up and talk to mama," said Ruby. "They wanted to know all about her. She got a lot of attention!"

It seems these days the last of the Original Allottees continues to garner a lot of attention. Chief A.D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and the Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise are making sure Berryhill and her family are well taken care of. Home improvements are being made at her residence in Okmulgee. In a way it is the deepest gratitude of a grateful Nation, for this is truly one of the last of the original.

Other notes of congratulations have also been sent to Martha, especially for her 100th birthday celebration. Oklahoma Senator Frank Shurden, U.S. Senator Don Nickles, and former President Bill Clinton and First-Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton also sent their acknowledgments.

"Historically, their parents were ones who came on the removal and these people got the allotments," says Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Alfred Berryhill when describing the Original Allottees. "They were young at that time and now they represent the old becoming the new. And she (Martha) is a part of that transitional stage. She speaks both English and Creek. She is a part of the old becoming the new."



Betty Berryhill



Pictured above were three living original allottees honored at a special ceremony held last last summer: Martha Berryhill; California Fixico; and Lucy Condren.

photo by Lucas Taylor



Martha and Ruby at camp meeting 2000.



Election Board

The following registered absentee voters need to contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation election board office at (918) 732- 7684.

Acheson, Marilyn	Badgett, Alice Renee	Berryhill, Woodrow	Bruner, Randal Louis	Chandler, Linda	Cottrell, Cindy Lea	Dorman, Rachel	Farnsworth, Kathy
Acrea, Dora Marie	Bailey, Betty Lou	Beshear, David Wayne	Bryden, Sherry	Chaney, Christopher	Couch, Jack Cody	Dorsey, Gary Neill	Feagan, Anna Faye
Adair, Harold Dean	Bailey, Martha Eloise	Best, James Ernest	Bucholz, Deborah	Chaney, Kevin Burke	Coulter, Kathy	Doss, Carol Jean	Featherston, Lee
Adams, Brian Howard	Bailey, Robin	Best, John Hogan	Buck, Kevin Edward	Chase, Tina Renee	Coursey, Dorless Jane	Doss, Douglas Stevens	Feliz, Richard Dale
Adams, Lauren Myrna	Baker, Donald Ray Jr.	Best, Martha Diane	Buckley, Bernice	Chase, Walton Cole	Cowan, Alice M.	Doss, Reginald Keith	Fields, James
Adams, Nancy Muriel	Baker, Robert Jr.	Bethel, Pearla Mae	Buckley, Billy Gene	Chastain, Michelle N.	Cowles, Agnes Lorene	Doss, Samsom Wayne	Fields, James Allen
Adams, Neal Victor	Baker, Ronald Butler	Bettis, Mildred Lee	Buckley, Harry Linnell	Checotah, Benjamin G.	Cowles, Jimmy	Doss, Trae Jame	Fields, Samuel
Adams, Paula Sue	Baldrige, Steven J.	Bevenue, Joseph Kent	Buckley, Jonas Billy	Checotah, Orvilon	Cox, Jerry Edward	Doyle, Annalis	File, Wanda Lou
Adams, Willie S. III	Bales, Jerry Alvin	Bible, Matthew C.	Buckmaster, Donnie II	Checotah, Roman Jr.	Cox, Laura Sue	Doyle, Daniel	Finch, Jerry Allan
Adkins, Stella Paulette	Bandy, Wanda June	Bigler, Michael David	Buckner, Billy Gene	Checote, Doretta Lee	Cox, Winnie Jo	Doyle, Jeffrey	Fish, Cindy Lynn
Adolph, Gregory	Banks, Carol Elaine	Billhimer, Carolyn	Buckrot, Alvin Lee Jr.	Checote, Johnnie Lee	Coyle, Bobby Lynn	Doyle, Leo Donald	Fish, Eddie Robert Jr.
Adolph, Jeffery	Banks, Lori Lea	Billie, Remona Lynn	Buckrot, Anita Carol	Cheek, Darin Wesley	Coyle, Elsie	Dozier, Junita	Fish, Kendra Ann
Agent, Samantha	Banowetz, Margaret	Billings, Robert Willie	Buie, Ruth Ann	Cheek, Dawn Anne	Coyle, Jamie Jo	Drew, Earl E.	Fish, Louis Melford Jr.
Aguilar, Rachel Marie	Barlow, Charles A. Jr.	Billy, Franklin	Builer, Leona	Childers, Daniel C.	Coyle, Randy Alan	Driscoll, Rosie Lee	Fish, Mitchell F. Jr.
Akins, Cynthia Marie	Barnett, Brandon E.	Bingham, Tammy Lea	Buller, Matthew Alen	Childers, Mark Steven	Crain, Ambia Lea	Drotos, Jennifer Ann	Fisher, Jonathon S.
Alexander, Debra Kay	Barnett, Charles B. Jr.	Bird, James Edward	Bumpass, Annie Mae	Childress, Lucy Mae	Crawford, Linda C.	Drywater, Jason Lee	Fisher, Kenneth Sam
Alexander, George S.	Barnett, Christopher	Birdcreek, Amos B.	Burgess, Abe Jr.	Chisholm, Sam	Crawford, Scotty	Dubose, Icy Ree	Fisher, Lawrence H. Jr.
Alexander, James Alan	Barnett, David Ronald	Black, Carolyn Ruth	Burgess, Adeline Belle	Christian, Etta Mae	Cricklin, David Ricky	Duncan, Donald Gene	Fisher, Lige Sam
Alexander, Lewis E.	Barnett, Jackson Lee	Blackwell, Douglas A.	Burgess, Linden Phelix	Christiansen, Michael	Cron, Teresa Marie	Duncan, Ronald Dean	Fisher, Wyonona Jean
Allen, Bluford Warren	Barnett, Paul Wayne	Blackwell, Janie Grace	Burgess, Nathan Vern	Christiansen, Patrick	Crook, Danetta Ann	Dunham, Fred Ray	Fitch, Barbara Sue
Allen, Carl Ray	Barnett, Ronald Ray	Blalock, Richard Allen	Burgess, Randal Yale	Christy, Linda Marie	Crosby, Shonna E.	Dunham,Bessie Lee	Fontaine Lola Maye
Allen, Christina Renee	Barnett, Sandra Carole	Blankenship,	Burgess, Raymond	Chuckluck, Felicia	Crounse, Jacqueline	Dunn, Donna Jo	Fixico, Anthony Glen
Allen, Kenneth Edwin	Barratt, Virginia Sue	Dempsey	Burkhart, Lea Ana	Clark, Bessie Adella	Crowell, Marquette	Dunn, Mark Eldon	Fixico, Antonia
Allen, Kenneth Eugene	Barrett, Rhett L.	Blankenship, Donald	Burley, Lisa Carol	Clark, Penny Joanne	Crowell, Thomas	Dunning, Betty Lou	Fixico, Elmer
Allen, Kristi Jo	Barron, Delorse Ann	Blankenship, Ricky W.	Burns, George Alvin Jr.	Clark, Roxanne	Cruse, Carrie Elizabeth	Dunson, Darly Gene	Fixico, Kepsey Joyce
Allen, Shereen Lanier	Bartmess, Dione	Blakely, Mary Lu Ella	Burris, Curtis William	Clark, Sheril Ann	Cully, Anna Lee	Dunson, David Wayne	Fixico, Lenah
Allison, Robert Ray	Barton, Andrew Robin	Block, Margaret C.	Burson, Connie	Clark, Tamra Sue	Cummings, Richard D.	Dunson, Gary	Fixico, Quinton Lee
Anderson, Kathryn	Barton, Brenda Carol	Bodwell, Teresa Gayle	Burtnett, James Leon	Clarke, Lisa Dawn	Curry, Larry Edwin G.	Dunson, Marty Craig	Fixico, Ronald Dean
Anderson, Michael	Barton, Rosella B.	Boerstler, Darrell Lee	Burtnett, James Leon	Clary, Ruth Ellen	Daniels, Lance S.	Durniak, Sharon Marie	Fixico, Wenona
Anderson, Robert C.	Baughn, Bruce Gene	Boneau, Kathryn Jean	Burton, James Owen	Clayton, Kevin Elmer	Daugherty, Jennifer L.	Durossette, Gary R.	Floyd, Jerry Don
Anderson, Robin Lee	Baughn, Juanita Janett	Booth, Larry Joe	Bush, Marilyn	Clayton, Ronald Jay	David, Glen Marshall	Durossette, Robert D.	Floyd, Phillip David
Anderson, Solomon K.	Bear, Dale Lucas	Booth, Sara Jane	Bushouse, Pamela Jean	Cleary, Regina	Davidson, Glenda June	Durossette, Rodney	Foley, Brian Lee
Anderson, Steven	Bear, David	Border, Peggy Pauline	Bushyhead, Kathleen	Clements, Lois	Davidson, Oneawa	Duvall, Matthew	Foley, Mark Anthony
Anderson, Zachariah J.	Bear, Jamison Oliver	Bouchie, Kristy Lynn	Butler, Randall Gene	Clemmer, Elizabeth J.	Davis, Billy	Eads, Arron Phillip	Ford, Lillian Pearl
Anglen, Paul Gene	Bear, Lijah Ray	Boujaoude, Margaret	Byrd, Belinda Lalene	Clifton, Debra Kay	Davis, Don Juan	Eads, Ira Vernon	Ford, Nina Mae
Anglin, Marlene Joyce	Bear, Mamie	Bowen, Leslie Dyan	Byrd, Gnetta Frances	Clifton, Dianna Lynn	Davis, Estelen	Eads, Melba Ann	Foreman, Konya Sue
Ansiel, Billy Joe	Beaty, Rozan	Boyd, Carla Denise	Byrd, Wanda	Cline, Shirley Ann	Davis, Gwendolyn	Eakes, Vincent Ray	Forester, Robert Scott
Ansiel, Billy Joe Jr.	Beaver, Ben Thomas	Boyle, Barbara	Cable, Jo Ann	Clinton, Gary Glen	Davis, John Dayton	Earnest, Tammy Kee	Foster, Billie Jean
Ansiel, Charles Albert	Beaver, Edgar Ervin	Bradford, Lillie	Cadion, Jacqueline	Cloud, Clinton Lew	Davis, Linda Faye	Easley, Evelyn Ann	Foster, Brian Scott
Ansiel, Earnest Wayne	Beaver, Jody Neeha	Bradshaw, Valerie Ann	Caesar, Alphonso	Cloud, Rodney Eugene	Davis, Martha	Eason, Cynthia Ann	Foster, Charles Arthur
Ansiel, Floyd C.	Beaver, Lisa Dawn	Bradwell, Kristie Ann	Cain, Tracia Annette	Coachman, Agnes	Davis, Mella Marie	Eastep, Ina Marie	Foster, David Ray
Anspaw, Carrie Willis	Beaver, Robin Leann	Brady, Mary Allen	Caldwell, Jerra Gay	Coachman, Brenda Sue	Davis, Nicole Rochelle	Eastep, Tommy Lee	Foster, Dawn Rancee
Apple, Mildred Louise	Beaver, Shelton Oliver	Brandon, Noel W. Jr.	Calvert, Michael Todd	Coachman, Charles M.	Davis, Oneil Jr.	Ebahotubbi, Michelle	Foster, Deanne Marie
Applegate, Pamela	Bell, Mary Ann	Brasuell, Perry Clay	Cameron, Mamie	Coachman, David	Davis, Susan Deidre	Edmundson, Mamie	Foster, John Edward
Aquino, Domingo	Bellamy, Robert	Brasuell, Stephen Jed	Camp, Bonita Jane	Coachman, James P.	Davison, Ronald Gene	Edwards, Elizabeth P.	Foy, Travis Elroy
Aquino, Ricardo M. Jr.	Bemore, Pamela Gay	Brasuell, Wallace Wade	Campbell, Clay Ian	Coachman, Joseph	Day, James Henry	Edwards, Kenneth Lee	Frailey, Marcus Gene
Arbuckle, Carol Ann	Benedict, Jessica Ellen	Bratcher, Georgialene	Campbell, Clay Ian	Cobb, Youvon Linell	Day, Janie Lucille	Edwards, Marion Lee	Fraizer, Constance G.
Archer, Bryon Lee	Benn, Samantha June	Bratcher, Jerri Lynn	Campbell, Ian M.	Cochran, Brenda Kay	Day, Ora Mae	Edwards, Richard Jr.	Franchek, Cynthia
Archer, Jerry Dale	Bennefield, Harold P.	Bredesen, Stephanie L.	Canard, Curtis Lee	Cockrum, Kathleen L.	Deacon, Denette Ann	Eldridge, Sherry Elaine	Franklin Doby Sean
Archer, Leroy Webster	Bennett, Myrtle Mae	Breshears, Trenton	Canard, Roger Vernon	Cody, Jenny Lee	Dean, Richard Vernon	Elliott, Joseph Boyd	Frazer, Debra Kaye
Archer, Melissa Jane	Bennett, Sammy Lynn	Brewer, Linda Susan	Capps, Vera Alene	Coffiman, Karen Faye	Deaver, Sarah Jean	Elliott, Sallye E.	Fream, Beecher Lewis
Archer, Randall Mark	Benson, Billie Dennis	Brewington, Patricia A.	Carden, Monte Deer	Coker, Katrina Marie	Deere, Christopher C.	Ellis, Ramona Lee	Fream, Edward Lewis
Arnett, Tenia Elaine	Benson, Stephen Kyle	Brewster, Larry	Carey, John	Coker, Thomas E. Jr.	Deere, Jerry Dale	Ellis, Vonda Kay	Fream, Kim Kimbrow
Arpoika, Bobby Iso	Benton, Lillian Y.	Bridges, Jordan Wade	Carman, Lonnie C. Sr.	Colbert, Bruce	Deere, Kerry Anne	Ellsworth, Kristin G.	Fream, Wendy La'Nell
Arzola, Sherri Lynn	Berg, Cindy	Bright, Tracy Lynn	Carpenter, Dana W.	Cole, James Jr.	Deere, Mord H.	Elston, Faith E.	Freeman, Jack
Asbury, Charles	Berry, David Walker	Briscoe, Bobbine J.	Carpenter, Jeanie Ann	Cole, Joyce Marie	Deerinwater, George	Emery, Byron	Freeman, Jack L. II
Asbury, Lillian Jo	Berryhill, Aaron Dale	Britt, Sherri Lane	Carpenter, Michael A.	Cole, Theresa Liegh	Demry, Lacy Deon	Emrich, Deborah Lynn	Freeman, Leola
Ashley, Russell Lavon	Berryhill, Adrian Lee	Brock Terri Lynn	Carpenter, Robert D.	Coleman, Steve M.	Denney, Peter Donald	England Samuel C.	Freeman, Ronald Gene
Ashmore, Yvette M.	Berryhill, Billy Earl	Brown, Blanchard W.	Carr. Lenayle Dee	Combs, Beulah	Dennis, Beverly Sue	England, James Albert	Freeman, Ronald Scott
Atkins, William N. Jr.	Berryhill, Brett Wayne	Brown, Carolyn June	Carroll, Stacie Paulette	Combs, Harold Barton	Denny, Melissa Ann	English, Terry Dean	Freeman, Vernon B.
Atkins-Clerc, Ambra	Berryhill, Charles R.	Brown, Martha R.	Carter, Delores	Combs, Marcus Lewis	Deo, Steven Thomas	Ennis, Patricia Ellen	French, Alix Derald
Aubrey, Herbert F.	Berryhill, Charles R.	Brown, Minnie Lucille	Carter, Eleanor	Combs, Melvin Lewis	Deroin, Debra Carol	Epperley, Gary	French, Gary Lynn
Audrain, Gertrude	Berryhill, Charles R.	Brown, Pennie	Carter, Mable Inogene	Combs, Robert	Determan, Freda	Epperley, Linda Ann	Froggle, Loy Rue
Ault, Cheri Renee	Berryhill, Donald Lee	Brown, Robert Scott	Carter, Michelle Renee	Condreay, Maude E.	Dewoody, Margaret L.	Epperson, Gary	Fruitt, Bernadette Sue
Ault, Richard Brian	Berryhill, Emma	Brown, Sarah Ann	Carter, William Brian	Conley, Oscar Lee	Dickerson, Roosevelt.	Erler, Mary Elalee	Frye, Ed Porter II
Austin, Danielle Kay	Berryhill, Jerry	Brown, Sherri Lou	Case, Anthony	Conrad, Millicent W.	Dickey, Alice	Escoe, Herschel	Frye, Fannie
Austin, Susan Lynette	Berryhill, Jerry Mose	Brownfield, Kelli	Case, Maurice Wayne	Conrfield, Thelma M.	Dickson, Velve	Escoe, Leonard Hugh	Frye, Johnny
Avants, Helen Belle	Berryhill, Michael	Brownfield, Oscar J.	Casey, Leonard Wayne	Cook, Jacqueline	Diehl, Daniel Scott	Eshleman, Tracy Lee	Frye, Marion
Back, Susan Katherine	Berryhill, Richard	Broyles, Evelyn	Casey, Pat Rockne	Cook, Scot David D.	Digranes, Jo Lynn	Eslte, Kathryn Hope	Fulwider, David Van
	Berryhill, Shirley Ann	Bruce, Lucas Douglas	Casey, Patricia Ann	Cooke, Robert Dwight	Dixon, Dru Sherman	Eubanks, Sammy Lee	Funchess, Edward
	Berryhill, Walter S.	Bruner, Christopher G.	Castle, Betty Jean	Coon, Arthur Jr.	Dobbins, Michael Ray	Factor, Michael	Furr, Claudette Sue
		Bruner, Douglas	Catland, Barbara Jean	Cooper, Cranford W.	Dobbs, Connie Je	Factor, Patrick Ryan	Gable, James Curtis Jr.
		Bruner, Jacob Mitchell	Caudill, Peter Ian	Cooper, Lyndel Lin	Dobbs, Willie	Factor, Peggy Ann	Gable, Mattie Lousie
		Bruner, Jannie	Caywood, Melissa	Cooper, Mary Nancy	Dobson, Leah Alicia	Factor, Stephen Walter	Gable, Susie Ann
		Bruner, John Daniel	Chalakee, Theron	Coots, Mark Anthony	Dobson, Mikel Lee	Falconer, Barbara Ann	Gallagher, Darla Jean
		Bruner, Lady Beatrice	Chalakee, Tommy L.	Cottrell, Barbara Viola	Doering, Linda Anne	Faris, Jaime Marie	Gallagher, David glenn



# CONGRATULATIONS 2004 GRADULATIONS!

**Name:** Kevin Michael Agee

**Parents:** Jody Agee of Henryetta and Cathy Tarwater of Eufaula

**Grandparents:** Jaunita Burnett, the late Tommy Curran and Pearline Day

**School:** Northeastern State University/Bachelor of Accounting degree in Business Administration

**Highlights:** Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Group and Accounting Society at NSU. He is currently employed with Roy Jenkins & Associates in Muskogee.



**Name:** Kristen Ashley Armitage

**Parents:** Joan Jones of Baton Rouge and Michael Armitage

**Grandparents:** the late Jewel Dean Bruner of Carson and the late Rusty Carter of Lake Charles, Louisiana

**School:** Woodlawn High School

**Highlights:** who's who among American High school students and USAA National English Merit Award

**Future Plans:** attend Louisiana State University majoring in biology and then go onto LSU's school of Veterinarian Medicine.



**Name:** Ashley Jo Berryhill

**Parents:** Joe and Esther Berryhill of Okemah

**Grandparents:** the late Walter and Mary Jones and the late Elsie Roberts

**School:** Weleetka High School

**Highlights:** softball, basketball, vice-president of the Native American Club, selected to play for the East Central Conference All-Star for softball.

**Future Plans:** attend Haskell Indian Nations University

**Name:** Vanessa Kay Berryhill

**Parents:** Ron & Beverly Peace and Gene & Franchette Berryhill

**Grandparents:** Virginia Simpson and Chubby, Shirley and Dewayne Berryhill and the late Diane Peace

**School:** Holdenville High School

**Highlights:** NHS, three years; FCA, two years; spanish club, two years; web page, one year; Nasc four years & Princess one year, FCCLA one year, Peace & Justice club one year.



GENERAL FUND:	BUDGETS	ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
MCN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	261,208.00	0.00	0.00	261,208.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TREASURY	3,231.00	0.00	0.00	3,231.00
ANGEL TREE	2,333.00	0.00	1,066.00	1,267.00
LITIGATION & LOBBYING	34,903.00	34,903.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	1,483,480.00	24,028.00	706,324.00	753,128.00
MOTOR FUEL TAXES	565,420.00	37,946.00	292,482.00	234,992.00
ADMINISTRATION/INDIRECT	2,474,609.00	49,524.00	1,123,560.00	1,301,525.00
CONSUMER LOANS	0.00	0.00	175.00	(175.00)
CREEK NATION BINGO	15,165,643.00	1,548,644.00	5,866,664.00	7,750,335.00
CN PERMANENT FUND	693,978.00	18,954.00	375,359.00	299,665.00
TOM JOHNSON PERM FUND	0.00	0.00	34,563.00	(34,563.00)
CULTURAL PRESERVATION	3,413.00	365.00	500.00	2,548.00
CODIFICATION	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.00
4-H CLUB	71,601.00	344.00	21,150.00	50,107.00
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL	3,000.00	0.00	2,998.00	2.00
HENSSLER ASSET MGMT	0.00	0.00	27,352.00	(27,352.00)
MCN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	151,907.00	9,457.00	143,883.00	(1,433.00)
FIRST CAPITAL MGMT PERM FUND	0.00	0.00	30,737.00	(30,737.00)
TRIBAL BUDGET	72,042.00	0.00	7,500.00	64,542.00
MCN FLAGS & ETC	2,900.00	0.00	1,891.00	1,009.00
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	1,070,166.00	46,497.00	551,033.00	472,636.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>22,179,839.00</b>	<b>1,770,662.00</b>	<b>9,307,237.00</b>	<b>11,101,940.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF LABOR:</b>				
WIA-TITLE I '02	22,611.00	0.00	3,641.00	18,970.00
WIA-TITLE I '03	509,309.00	4,560.00	325,428.00	179,321.00
WIA-SUMMER YOUTH '03	107,986.00	2,967.00	72,751.00	32,268.00
WELFARE TO WORK '99	37.00	0.00	37.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL DEPT OF LABOR</b>	<b>639,943.00</b>	<b>7,527.00</b>	<b>401,857.00</b>	<b>230,559.00</b>
<b>HOUSING &amp; URBAN DEV:</b>				
HUD-NAHASDA '00	3,798,836.00	421,007.00	1,714,201.00	1,663,628.00
HUD-SPAULPA CLINIC	25,728.00	12,650.00	13,078.00	0.00
HUD-ROSS '01	102,593.00	0.00	12,945.00	89,648.00
HUD-NAHASDA '01	10,346,562.00	0.00	2,046,073.00	8,300,489.00
HUD-DRUG ELIMINATION	118,220.00	0.00	103,155.00	15,065.00
HUD-FOOD DIST. BLDG	190,049.00	0.00	179,249.00	10,800.00
HUD-NAHASDA '02	17,174,584.00	12,091.00	2,869,201.00	14,293,292.00
HUD-NAHASDA '03	17,353,988.00	0.00	0.00	17,353,988.00
HUD-NAHASDA '99	491,526.00	0.00	282,097.00	209,429.00
<b>TOTAL HUD:</b>	<b>49,602,086.00</b>	<b>445,748.00</b>	<b>7,219,999.00</b>	<b>41,936,339.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SVC:</b>				
FAMILY PRESERVATION '02	0.00	0.00	(198.00)	198.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '02	176,617.00	2,721.00	95,901.00	77,995.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '02	317,018.00	4,168.00	208,477.00	104,373.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE '02	29,203.00	0.00	29,203.00	0.00
LIHEAP '03	2,096.00	0.00	2,096.00	0.00
FAMILY PRESERVATION '03	173,724.00	2,968.00	115,902.00	54,854.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '03	1,008,115.00	8,616.00	446,518.00	552,981.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '03	1,298,075.00	20,641.00	764,973.00	512,461.00
HEAD START '03	467,189.00	0.00	437,641.00	29,548.00
TITLE IV-B '03	223,693.00	6,972.00	109,622.00	107,099.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE '03	244,443.00	27,979.00	82,402.00	134,062.00
LIHEAP '04	127,005.00	1,687.00	44,312.00	81,006.00
FAMILY PRESERVATION '04	226,320.00	0.00	0.00	226,320.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '04	1,442,896.00	10,070.00	14,908.00	1,417,918.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '04	2,492,702.00	16,814.00	59,873.00	2,416,015.00
TITLE IV-B '04	242,984.00	0.00	0.00	242,984.00
HEADSTART '04	0.00	22,208.00	614,223.00	(636,431.00)
<b>TOTAL DHHS</b>	<b>8,472,080.00</b>	<b>124,844.00</b>	<b>3,025,853.00</b>	<b>5,321,383.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF AGRICULTURE:</b>				
FOOD DISTRIBUTION '04	414,000.00	1,372.00	182,552.00	230,076.00
<b>TOTAL USDA</b>	<b>414,000.00</b>	<b>1,372.00</b>	<b>182,552.00</b>	<b>230,076.00</b>
<b>PROGRAM INCOME:</b>				
JOHNSON O'MALLEY	28,050.00	2,708.00	7,450.00	17,892.00
MCN CHILD DEV. CENTER	757,130.00	5,188.00	147,285.00	604,657.00
USDA HEADSTART REIMBURSE	76,617.00	26,800.00	49,815.00	2.00
EUFAULA DORM ACTIVITY FUND	34,128.00	11,281.00	8,793.00	14,054.00
ELECTION BOARD PROG INC	18,560.00	0.00	6,867.00	11,693.00

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# Muscogee (Creek) Nation quarterly financial statement

Quarter ending March 31, 2004 Prepared by  
the office of the controller

In accordance with National Council Act 88-70, section 112, as amended by NCA 89-37, the following information for the period ending March 31, 2004 discloses the receipts, budget, encumbrances, expenditure, and balance for all funds under the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The **receipts** are dollar amounts received for the period ending March 31, 2004. The figures include, but are not limited to, federal dollars received on grants or contracts, interest earned during the quarter, and revenues generated by the tribe. The total dollars spent represent the amount spent to date for the second quarter ending March 31, 2004.

The **budget** figure represents the amounts approved in the comprehensive annual budget.

The **encumbered** amounts include figures derived from outstanding purchase orders at the end of the year.

**Expended** amounts state the total amount that has been spent for each department, within that fund.

The **balance** figures reflect the net available for each department at the end of March 31, 2004.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to the office of the controller at (918) 756-8700, ext. 250.



COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING	4,695.00	50.00	1,584.00	3,061.00
GAMING PROGRAM INCOME	58,327.00	4,391.00	21,185.00	32,751.00
CITIZENSHIP BOARD PROG INC	10,424.00	0.00	3,430.00	6,994.00
LIGHTHORSE PROGRAM INCOME	0.00	0.00	(30.00)	30.00
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROG. INC.	5,900.00	1,165.00	2,403.00	2,332.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME</b>	<b>993,831.00</b>	<b>51,583.00</b>	<b>248,782.00</b>	<b>693,466.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF INTERIOR:</b>				
SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT	7,866,053.00	1,253,302.00	2,988,189.00	3,624,562.00
DOI-ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP	7,576.00	0.00	0.00	7,576.00
EUFAULA DORM '00	126,721.00	0.00	91,655.00	35,066.00
EUFAULA DORM '01	168,882.00	0.00	85,627.00	83,255.00
TRANSPORTATION IMPROV '01	25,520.00	0.00	25,520.00	0.00
LAMAR ROAD	220.00	0.00	187.00	33.00
KELLYVILLE ROAD	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
LITTLE CUSSETH CHURCH RD	76,910.00	0.00	10,471.00	66,439.00
OKEMAH SCHOOL ROAD	57,873.00	20,066.00	5,947.00	31,860.00
THEWARLE CHURCH ROAD	109,126.00	37,078.00	42,304.00	29,744.00
PORTER ROAD	117,660.00	100,000.00	4,338.00	13,322.00
OLD BIXBY ROAD	44,441.00	0.00	5,751.00	38,690.00
SALEM ROAD	91,718.00	2,451.00	11,361.00	77,906.00
SKELLY/HASKELL	601,548.00	23,387.00	577,613.00	548.00
METHODIST CHURCH ROAD	2,621.00	0.00	0.00	2,621.00
HECTORVILLE ROAD	1,283,253.00	125,000.00	4,103.00	1,154,150.00
SUMMIT SOUTH ROAD	194,153.00	192,277.00	904.00	972.00
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '02	11,585.00	2,890.00	8,070.00	625.00
EUFAULA DORM '02	665,518.00	23,453.00	321,305.00	320,760.00
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '03	9,500.00	1,431.00	3,228.00	4,841.00
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '03	435,487.00	20,823.00	342,315.00	72,349.00
EUFAULA DORM '03	1,314,343.00	77,728.00	175,780.00	1,060,835.00
OAKDALE SCHOOL BLDG	665.00	0.00	655.00	10.00
MCINTOSH FENCING	577.00	0.00	0.00	577.00
CALVIN NORTH ROAD	1,729,221.00	1,467,597.00	250,732.00	10,892.00
STIDHAM ROAD	443,500.00	31,589.00	411,911.00	0.00
ARBEKA ROAD	1,595,312.00	1,537,824.00	45,449.00	12,039.00
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '04	878,313.00	1,494.00	75,047.00	801,772.00
KELLYVILLE PROJECT	2,996,619.00	211,475.00	195,124.00	2,590,020.00
EUFAULA DORM '99	25,184.00	0.00	0.00	25,184.00
MONTEZUMA PROJECT	41,404.00	0.00	1,889.00	39,515.00
<b>TOTAL DEPT OF INTERIOR</b>	<b>20,926,503.00</b>	<b>5,129,865.00</b>	<b>5,685,475.00</b>	<b>10,111,163.00</b>
<b>DEPT OF JUSTICE:</b>				
VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE	49,062.00	0.00	15,045.00	34,017.00
DRUG COURT	45,862.00	49.00	32,407.00	13,406.00
GAP	110,000.00	0.00	3,289.00	106,711.00
TRIBAL RESOURCES COP	87,239.00	0.00	72,552.00	14,687.00
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	85,513.00	1,315.00	18,506.00	65,692.00
<b>TOTAL DEPT OF JUSTICE</b>	<b>377,676.00</b>	<b>1,364.00</b>	<b>141,799.00</b>	<b>234,513.00</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE FUND:</b>				
MUSKOGEE OFFICE BLDG	171,600.00	1,279.00	174,194.00	(3,873.00)
ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	1,603,400.00	15.00	860,603.00	742,782.00
IHS OFFICE BUILDING	22,318.00	0.00	2,185.00	20,133.00
TRIBAL AGRICULTURE PROG.	9,483.00	0.00	290.00	9,193.00
ROADS EQUIPMENT POOL	276,289.00	0.00	145,810.00	130,479.00
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>2,083,090.00</b>	<b>1,294.00</b>	<b>1,183,082.00</b>	<b>898,714.00</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUND:</b>				
C.N. TAXES & FRINGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C.N. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	6,120.00	(6,120.00)
<b>TOTAL TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUND</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,120.00</b>	<b>(6,120.00)</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE:</b>				
ROAD FORCE ACCOUNT	812,324.00	58,643.00	224,488.00	529,193.00
TRIBAL- REAL PROP & FAC.	1,422,400.00	45,172.00	725,309.00	651,919.00
TRIBAL- PROPERTY & SUPPLY	89,910.00	2,585.00	102,961.00	(15,636.00)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	19,033.00	1,661.00	16,439.00	933.00
SELF-INSURED HLTH FUND	0.00	0.00	1,603,730.00	(1,603,730.00)
<b>TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE</b>	<b>2,343,667.00</b>	<b>108,061.00</b>	<b>2,672,927.00</b>	<b>(437,321.00)</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS:</b>				
C.N. FOUND. SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	0.00	580.00	(580.00)
<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>580.00</b>	<b>(580.00)</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>108,032,715.00</b>	<b>7,642,320.00</b>	<b>30,076,263.00</b>	<b>70,314,132.00</b>



## THURSDAY

### Highlights June 3

#### Pageant

The Miss and Junior Miss Mvskoke Creek Nation Scholarship Pageant will be held June 3 at 7 p.m. in the Okmulgee High School Auditorium.

Contestants for the Miss Mvskoke pageant will be judged in the areas of: poise; personality; dress; talent; speech; and impromptu questions.

The winner will receive \$2,500, a trophy, and a crown. The runner up will receive \$500 and a plaque.



Contestants for the Junior Miss pageant will be judged in the areas of: poise; personality; dress; a two minute speech; impromptu question and essay.

The winner will receive \$500, a trophy and a crown. The runner up will receive \$125 and a plaque.

The deadline date for applications has passed, therefore, no additional entries will be accepted. For more information, contact Virginia Thomas at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation JOM at 1-800-482-1979 or Alice Coe at (918) 732-7839.

## SATURDAY

### Highlights June 5

#### Pageant

At 10 a.m. June 5 the Senior Ms. and Little Miss Mvskoke Creek Nation pageant will be held in the Okmulgee High School Auditorium.

Contestants for the Senior Ms. pageant will be judged in the areas of: poise; personality; dress; talent;

and an oral cultural presentation.

The winner will receive \$500, a trophy and a crown. The runner-up will receive \$125 and a plaque.

Contestants for the Little Miss Division I, II and III pageant will be judged in the areas of: poise; personality; dress; and age appropriate questions.

In each division the winner will receive \$125, a trophy, and a crown. In each division the runner-up will receive a \$25 and a plaque.

The deadline date for applications has passed, therefore, no additional entries will be accepted. For more information, contact Virginia Thomas at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation JOM at 1-800-482-1979 or Alice Coe at 918-732-7839.

## THURSDAY

### Highlights June 17

#### Stompdance Exhibition

The Tallahassee Wakokaye Ceremonial Ground will be hosting a Stomp Dance exhibition to kick the festival off. Fellowship together from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the dancing to follow. The stompdance will be taking place at the Claude Cox OmniPlex. Everyone is invited.



For more information please contact David Proctor at 756-8504.

## FRIDAY

### Highlights June 18

#### Junior Olympics

The Junior Olympics will begin at 8:30 a.m., Fri-

day June 18 at Harmon Stadium.

The Olympics offer Indian youth ages six to 15 the opportunity to compete in track events. The events for ages 6 - 7 are a 30 meter dash, 50 meter dash, 400 meter relay, and softball throw. For ages 8 - 9 there is a 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter relay, and a softball throw. For ages 10 - 11 there is a 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter relay, and a hoop shoot. For ages 12 - 13 there is a 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 400 meter relay, hoop shoot, and a long jump. For ages 14 - 15 there is a 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 400 meter relay, 1 mile run, hoop shoot, and long jump.

The deadline for registration is May 21. Volunteers are needed for this event. For more information contact Anthony Harjo at (918) 732-7869.

#### 3 on 3 Basketball

There will be a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament starting Friday June 18. Participants must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and provide a CDIB or enrollment card. Deadline to sign up will be June 7, with the brackets being drawn June 14.

First through third place receives a team trophy and T-shirts. The MVP will receive a pullover. There are four age divisions: 8 - 11; 12 - 14; 15 - 18; and 19 and up.

For more information or an entry form please contact Tamara Berryhill or Celesta Johnson at (918) 623-1424.



#### Men and Women's Fast Pitch Tournament

The Men's and Women's Fast Pitch Tournament will begin Friday, June 18 and run through Sunday, June 20 at the Claude Cox Omniplex.

The Champions from last year were the Fus-cates (Women) and Old School (Men). Missy Fox and Robbie Harry was last year's MVP's.

A total of 40 teams, 24 men and 16 women, will battle through a double elimination format. The deadline for the tournament is June 4.

For more information, contact Ruby Booker at 1-800-482-1979, ext. 7927.

#### Gospel Singing

A Gospel singing is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the OSU Extension Building at the Okmulgee County Fair Grounds.

Three songs will be allowed per group or soloist (variable by number of people registering), a key board, cd/tape player, drum set, and five microphones will be available. Please provide your own guitar amplifier.

Deadline is June 4. Performers will be notified of performance times when registered. Food will be served



and after 9 p.m. Also, a concession will be available.

Come enjoy an evening of gospel praise and worship and make music with holy spirit filled singers and music.

For more information or to register please contact Geebon Gouge at (918) 732-7711.

## 31st Annual All Indian Rodeo

There will be an All Indian Sanctioned Rodeo June 18 and 19, starting at 8 pm. Junior events include barrels, bull riding, and muton busting. Senior events include calf roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, barrel racing, bare back and saddle bronc riding. Also there will be a team roping. Prizes for the junior events is \$100 added nightly, senior events \$500 added nightly, and for the team roping \$1,000 added nightly.



Principal Chief Ellis expects this to be the best All Indian Rodeo the Nation has had in several years. For more information please contact Bob Arrington at 732-7650.

## Entertainment

The concerts are scheduled to begin on Friday, June 18 at 6:00 with the following performers: Bad Water, Don White; Brain Parton; and the Nashville Rebels. Headlining Friday is Highway 101.

Saturday's performers will be: Medicine Pony; Red Rhythm Band; Uptown Horns; Scott Ellison; Jimmy "Junior" Markham and Chris Zalez. Headlining Saturday is T. Graham Brown.



Principal Chief Ellis is scheduled to speak at 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Ruth Bible at (918) 732-7640.

## Co-ed Slow Pitch

Friday, June 18 the co-ed slow pitch softball tournament begins. All participants must be from a federally recognized tribe. Prizes will be awarded for the top four teams and balls will be provided.

For further information please contact Victor Bear at 732-7679.

# SATURDAY

## Highlights June 19

## Council House Art

Saturday June 19 adults can attend a juried traditional art competition, master artist show and sale, and Dawes Commission Cards Symposium, while their chil-

dren can act as a rabbit or turtle in an interactive storytelling workshop, learn Pow Wow and Stomp dances, play a game of stickball, or make a clay pot, cane basket, or beaded bracelet or necklace to take home.

For further information please contact the Creek Council House Museum at (918) 756-2324.

## Honoring the Allottees

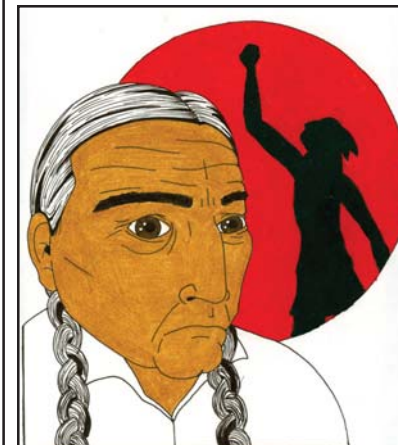
The theme of the Festival is *Honoring Our Original Allottees*.

A ceremony and reception in honor of the remaining allottees. will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 19 at Green Country Vo-Tech, on Loop 56 and Kennedy Drive.

For more information please contact Donna Martin at (918) 732-7963.



## "Honoring Our Original Allottees" Art Competition Winner



Chandra Leming's art entry placed first in this year's art competition. Leming is a senior at Jenks High School. INTERPRETATION OF ARTWORK: The sun and silhouette represents the past; our original allottees. The man

is depicted with his thoughts in the background as if telling us a story of forgotten days. Leming's artwork will be the official logo for this year's 30th Annual Creek Nation Festival.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY JUNE 3

• Jr. & Miss Mvskoke Pageants • Okmulgee High School Auditorium • Virginia Thomas • 7 pm.

## SATURDAY JUNE 5

• Sr. Misses & Little Miss Mvskoke Pageants • Okmulgee High School Gym • Virginia Thomas • 10 am.

## THURSDAY JUNE 17

Pageant Reception • Creek Council House • Virginia Thomas • 6 pm.

Stompdance • Omniplex • David Proctor • 7:30 pm.

## FRIDAY JUNE 18

• Youth Olympics • Harmon Stadium • Anthony Harjo • 8 am

• Golf Tournament • Cobblestone Course, Muskogee • Perry Anderson, Bert Robinson, and Bret Hayes • 1 pm.

• Fast-Pitch Softball • Omniplex • Ruby Booker • 6 pm.

• CO-ED Slow-Pitch Softball • Okmulgee City Parks • Victor Bear • 6 pm

• Concerts • Omniplex • Ruth Bible • 6 pm

• Creek Hymn Singing • Okmulgee Indian Community Center • Mike Coon • 7 pm.

• Gospel Singing • OSU Extension Center • Thompson Gouge • 7 pm.

• All-Indian Rodeo • Omniplex • Bob Arrington • 8 pm.

• 3 on 3 Basketball Youth • Omniplex • Tamara Berryhill, Celesta Johnson, John Buckley • TBA

## SATURDAY JUNE 19

• Golf Tournament • Cobblestone Course, Muskogee • Select your own Tee time

• CO-ED Slow-Pitch Softball • Okmulgee City Parks • Time dependant on number of teams

• 5K Run • Mound Building • Lila Garrett 8 am.

• Child Care Health Fair • Omniplex • Cindy Russell • 8 am.

• Fast-Pitch Softball • Omniplex • Ruby Booker • 8 am.

• 3 on 3 Basketball Adults • Omniplex • 8 am.

• Horseshoe Tournament • Omniplex • Larry Soweka • 8 am

• Volleyball • Omniplex • Jenna Gouge • 9 am.

• Elderly Activities • Fair Grounds Building • Pearl Thomas • 9 am.

• Art Festival • Creek Council House • Ted Isham • 10 am

• Children's rides • Omniplex • Cindy Russell • 12 pm

• Concerts • Omniplex • 2 pm.

• Allottee Reception • Green Country Vo-Tech • Donna Martin • 2 pm.

• Chief A. D. Ellis Address • Omniplex • 7 pm.

• Creek Hymn Singing • Okmulgee Indian Community Center • Mike Coon • 7 pm.

• All-Indian Rodeo • Omniplex • 8 pm.

## SUNDAY JUNE 17

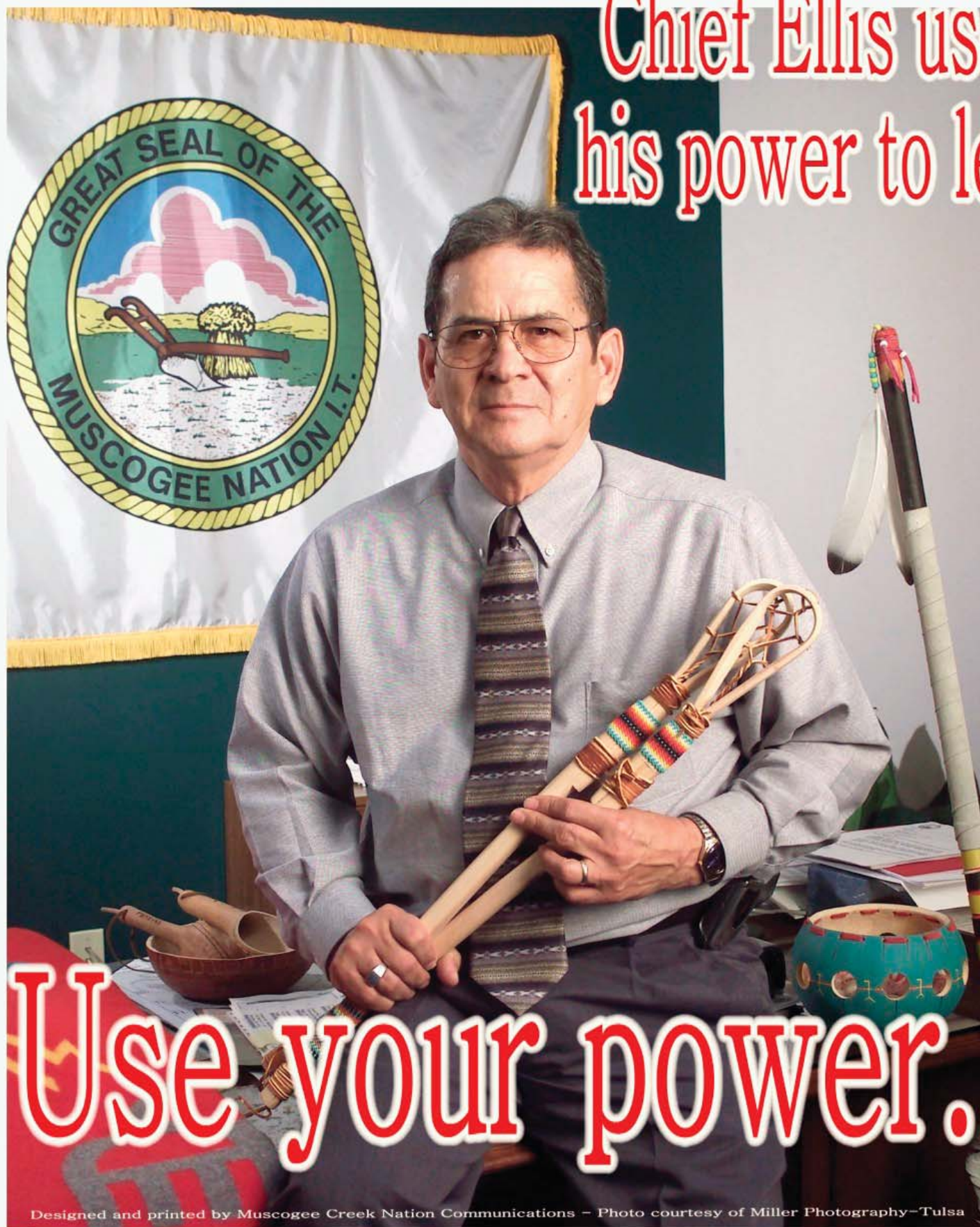
• CO-ED Slow-Pitch Softball • Okmulgee City Parks • Time dependant on number of teams

• Fast-Pitch Softball • Omniplex • 8 am.

• Golf Tournament • Cobblestone Course, Muskogee • 8 am



Chief Ellis uses  
his power to lead.



Use your power.

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**VOTE**

56,290 Creeks can  
make a difference



**Native Vote 2004**  
Every Vote Counts



## Letters

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ent went to jail and left her child with me and did not even care about her child enough to call me or even have someone bring her a change of clothes. Guess what she went to jail for?

As day care providers: 1. We are employed by the state of Oklahoma and are paid by the state but we receive none of the benefits such as: a) health insurance b) unemployment benefits c) 401k plans and d) dental plans. 2. We have no way of building up vacation time. 3. We have nothing set up as far as Holiday Pay or Overtime Pay. 4. Our privacy is invaded when we allow DHS into our homes, they come in and check rooms where the children are not even 'allowed'.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed day care because I worked at home and dealt with alot of children who only received care while they were in my home, and ran the streets til 11:00 p.m. because the parents were busy doing other things.

I even had one parent say I abused her child. I called DHS and reported the bruises. The day care supervisor at DHS told me not to worry about it.

Although I am no longer a day care provider, I do plan to advocate and defend day care providers by keeping in contact with them, discussing their issues and

complaints, and contact those in state and federal offices who call. Day Care providers who have issues or complaints should call me any time at 756-2648.

**La Sonja Hanson, Okmulgee**

### Man expresses appreciation

**Editor:**

This is to say 'thank you' to all who gave in one way or another to the Indian Taco and Gospel Singing Benefit for Christie R. Jackson that was held March 13th. The benefit was a great success. I send my most sincere gratitude to all of you. Your thoughts and prayers for Christie as well as for the kids and I, have been most supportive and helpful.

Christie was discharged from the St. Johns Hospital and is now being cared for at Grace Nursing Home in Muskogee. She has made much improvement medically and physically. We continue to hold to the faith and hope that she will recover neurologically along with other procedures she will go through. THANK YOU again for all your help and prayers. *Mvto.*

**Chris Jackson, Oktaha**

### Twin Hills Community report

**Editor:**

On April 15th, the Twin Hills Indian Community hosted the Eufaula, Okmulgee, and Tulsa communities.

Esther Grona gave a brief outline on the upcoming trip that is planned for Washington D.C. and the costs. Afterward everyone enjoyed a meal of catfish or spaghetti & meatballs and salad. Desserts were served also. After our meal we played bingo and had a wonderful time of fellowship with one another.

Twin Hills Senior Officers are: Evelyn Parker, Chairperson; Dorothy Myers, Vice-chairperson; and Norma Hale, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Twin Hills Community Members**

## Programs

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Indian Community Center June 3 and 17 1 - 3 pm. For more information contact Janice Hanun at 732-7618.

### Jones Academy reunion

**HARTSHORNE** — There will be a reunion at Jones Academy for all students, friends, and employees on May 22 at the campus, Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Register in gym at 10, Bar-be-que at 3rd pond at 12, Organizational meeting at 4. Barney Ingram and Medicine Pony Band will provide music for the dance at 7 p.m. For further information please contact Carolyn Powell, (918) 733-2825, Wanda Justice (918) 297-2399, or Johnny Tonihka (580) 924-0442.

# Red Stick Gallery

## Creek Council House Museum

**Discover The Uncommon**  
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**Creek Festival**  
**Saturday, June 19, 2004**  
**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



## Shop talk with Gerald

Hats off to all Creek athletes competing in high school regional and state championships in the month of May. A lot of sports are happening this spring: baseball, track & field, softball, and tennis to name a few. So get out if you can and see some good athletic action. Do you think you got what it takes to be a professional basketball player? The American Basketball Association has been created and will begin playing basketball later this year. The Association has created an all Native American Team and is holding tryouts in June and July at places such as Billings, Montana and Rapid City. The closest to Oklahoma will be on July 24 in Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Clinton Pilcher at (408) 712-5890.

Congratulations to Creek baseball player Keith Bucktrot of the Reading Phillies. Bucktrot is a pitcher with the Double A farm club team that is associated with the Philadelphia Phillies. Bucktrot pitched his first game on April 14 against the Bowie Baysox. He pitched a shut-out and won by a score of 4-0.

Local universities and colleges have just completed their spring football, Yes, spring football practices! It used to be said, there are only two sports in Oklahoma, football and spring football. There are so many college football teams out there that enjoyed successful seasons. Oklahoma State wins its bowl game and Tulsa University had the greatest successful turn around of any Division I college football team. Smaller colleges such as Northeastern State, Bacone, and East Central are also on the rise and expect great things. And of course, who can forget about Haskell Indian Nations University. One more word about the March Madness Basketball tournament. Eric Starr certainly had his plate full during the event held on March 18-20. Not only did he coach the John Crow Memorial Foundation girls team to a championship victory, the very next game he coached the John Crow Memorial Foundation boys team to a runner-up finish in the tournament. The foundation sponsored both teams by taking care of food and lodging expenses.

As promised, Video and DVD copies of the boys and girls championship games, as well as the individual competitions, are ready to be ordered from the Communications Department. For ordering information call (918) 732-7635 or 732-7637.

It won't be long before it festival time again. The 30th annual event is slated for June 18-20. And of course there will be a lot of good sporting events happening. Make sure your teams are entered!



John Crow Memorial Foundation

## Creek girls are fashionably sporty

Don't hate them because they can look quite stylish or can even throw a runner out at home. In fact, don't hate them at all, because they're just good Creek girl athletes playing good softball. Ready in one minute to get dressed up for a night on the town and then down the cleats and batting glove the next. They are members of the Okemah Lady Panthers and the month of May they were able to guide their slow-pitch softball team to a spot in the state Championship tournament.

For the Lady Panthers, it's been quite a season. First they finished the regular season at 36 wins and only 8 losses.

"We have been happy with the season," said Panther Head Coach Britt Dean. Dean is in his sixth year of coaching and has enjoyed the competitive atmosphere that softball gives.

"It has been a joy coaching these girls," said Dean. "Everyone thinks of the team first and works toward a common goal."

Dean encountered no major problems with the team. Perhaps the only major bump in the road has been the controversial decision the coach and the team decided on last month. "We were in the Washington Tournament," explains Dean. "It was on a weekend, but it was prom weekend and a lot of the girls wanted to go." So what would be the decision be for

the Lady Panthers? "Well, I wanted to stay and play in the tournament," says Coach Dean, "But the team voted on attending the prom."

So the ladies quickly untied the cleats and laced up the high heels for a memorable night at the High School prom.

What makes this team special is that they are lead by five outstanding Creek athletes, they are: Amber Sands; Katie

Bo Coon; Mallory Bible; Lachelle Berryhill; and Zipporah Yahola. Coach Dean is proud of their accomplishments.

"They are good kids," says Dean. "Zipporah is a good outfielder and bats fourth for us. For Lachelle this is the first time she has played for us in a couple of years and plays third base very well. Mallory is a solid player at outfield and bats fifth for us. Katie is our shortstop. Amber pitches for us and is a tremendous hitter. She and Katie have over 20 home runs.

They hit like men! We are more offensive minded, but we are so much better defensively than last year. We were able to stay in games."

Able to stay in games as long as a special social function doesn't interfere with a game, right coach?

Whether on the dance floor or on the diamond, these Creek girls are looking good.



Pictured above standing, from left to right, are: Katie; Zipporah; Lachelle; Amber; and Mallory.

## Martial artist inducted into hall of fame

NEW YORK — Billy Joe "Chebon" Marks, Muscogee (Creek) Citizen from Oklahoma City, was recently inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Marks, who holds the rank of Go-Dan, fifth degree black belt in the Sogola Style Philippine Martial arts, was inducted in ceremonies held in Jamaica, New York on April 24.

Marks has been involved with Martial Arts for over 30 years and has studied many styles in the field of Martial Arts.

Marks at one time served as a security escort and bodyguard for tribal leaders and representatives.

At an early age, Marks attended the Tae-Kwon-Do Academy at Waltham, Massachusetts. He received his First Degree Black Belt at the prestigious Academy and was recognized at the rank of Go Dan, the highest rank degree.

After Marks finished training in Massachusetts,

he returned to Oklahoma and began teaching Tae-Kwon-Do and Karate at the Native American Center in Oklahoma City.

Marks became a member of the American Indian Karate Association and taught the art of Korean Karate to Native Americans living in the area for 12 years.

In June of 1979, Marks was interviewed by *Karate Illustrated* magazine. The self-defense magazine recognized Marks as one of the few Native American Karate Instructors in the United States at the time.

"My entire family has been very supportive of me in my efforts and achievements," says Marks. "My wife Thomasene, my children, Yafke Kolvswa, Hokshena, and Dennis have supported me daily in all manners."

The mental aspect of Karate can be very demanding. "Although Karate is an Oriental discipline, I believe it is the same discipline our ancestors, as warriors, were familiar with and practiced," said Marks.



Marks